

The interview committee at Kennedy-Powell Elementary consisting of Casey Holler, Nicole Taha, Victoria Bristow, Stephanie Gordon, Ashley Mercer, Morgan Lee, and Kimberlynn Underwood interviewed six candidates for the position of Principal at Kennedy-Powell Elementary on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, and selected the top three candidates to interview with the Senior Leadership Team.

The Senior Leadership Team interviewed the top three candidates on June 1, 2026, and will be recommending Mayra Bolivar for the position of Principal at Kennedy-Powell Elementary at the Temple ISD Board Meeting on June 8, 2026.

Mrs. Bolivar graduated from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Spanish. She graduated with a Master of Education in Educational Administration in 2014.

Mrs. Bolivar started her career as a paraprofessional at Bethune Elementary, which is where she fell in love with education. She has since served as a teacher, literacy coach, and assistant principal in Temple ISD. She is currently an assistant principal at Thornton Elementary

Mrs. Bolivar is married to her husband, Simon, who has been her biggest supporter and always knows the right thing to say after a long day. Lilly, their daughter, will be a sophomore at Temple High School next year, and will be a Varsity Kitten. Mrs. Bolivar is thankful for the love and support she always receives from her family, to include her parents and her brother.

Mrs. Bolivar is very excited to be going back home to Kennedy-Powell where she served as a teacher for 10 years. Her motto moving into this role is Every student seen, Every teacher supported, Every family connected.

The committee is delighted to present Mayra Bolivar to the Board of Trustees for approval for the position of Principal at Kennedy-Powell Elementary.