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Education Coalition names Dr. Irma Brooks Executive Director

In an announcement made today Dr. Irma Rodriguez Brooks has been named Decatur Area Education Coalition Executive Director, effective February 2, 2009. An Education Coalition Roundtable Luncheon will be held February 25 at the Decatur Arts Center to welcome Dr. Brooks, which is open to the public. Reservations are required and can be made at 429-3000.

Dr. Irma Rodriguez Brooks is a native of El Paso, Texas. She holds an Ed. D. in Education Leadership and Administration from University of Texas at El Paso, a Masters Degree in Educational Technology, and a Bachelors Degree in Marketing and Accounting.

She comes to Decatur from the position of Director of Magnet Schools and Smaller Learning Communities with the Ysleta Independent School District in El Paso. In that

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capacity she coordinated the educational efforts of eleven middle schools and seven high schools with the business community to ensure that students possess the skills necessary to enter the workforce and to succeed in the pursuit of their careers at institutions of higher learning.

Also in El Paso she served as Executive Director of the Radford School, the oldest private Pre-K through 12th grade school in Texas. Her husband Dr. Gary D. Brooks is a graduate of Millikin University in Decatur and served as Dean of Men at Millikin in 1967 and 1968.

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The Decatur Area Education Coalition was formed in October 2007 by a group of community members and educators. Sponsored by The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County, the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce, Decatur Public Schools, Millikin University, and Richland Community College, the Coalition is organized to involve all groups and individuals with the achievement the highest educational goal: to make the community and county one of the most educated in the state with the vision that every child is ready for school, every child achieves or exceeds grade level, and every child graduates ready for a good job or to enroll in college.

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