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News Release ---- for Immediate Release

Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Christine Briones, M.D. to the Bagdad Unified School District Governing Board.** The appointment will be effective upon taking the oath of office, Thursday, March 17, 2016 and will conclude on December 31, 2016. The vacancy was created by the resignation of Board Member Golden Brimhall, who relocated out of the District. The service provided to the District by Mr. Brimhall is greatly appreciated.

Dr. Briones attended high school in Owensboro, Kentucky, prior to enrolling at Western Kentucky University, and graduating from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. She earned an M.D. in Medicine at the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, and completed a medical residency at the University of Puerto Rico in 2002.

Dr. Briones returned to practice in Owensboro, Kentucky prior to moving to Bagdad in January of 2015, where she serves as the Medical Director of the Bagdad Medical Center. Dr. Briones has a son who currently attends Bagdad School District.

Prior to making the appointment, Mr. Carter reviewed letters of interest and resumes from two candidates, Dr. Christine Briones and Fiorella Giana. He interviewed each of them on Monday, March 14th in Bagdad. He then spoke with each currently seated Governing Board Member and

administrative leaders to receive their feedback. Mr. Carter was contacted by community members who offered their insights into the appointment as well. "I appreciate members of the community speaking with me about the vacancy", Carter said.

Carter stated, "the residents of Bagdad should be pleased that two extremely well qualified candidates came forward for consideration. They are both well educated, hold high profile positions within the community, are committed to the success of the school district, and have children who attend Bagdad schools. As a result, this was a very difficult decision to make. Either candidate would have done an outstanding job, and I am encouraging them both to run for one of the four seats that are up for election in November. Anyone interested in running for these positions may pick up candidate packets from Carter's office in Prescott on or after April 4th or they may attend a Prospective Governing Board Candidate Training at Kirkland School on Wednesday, April 6th at 6:00 pm.

Superintendent Carter stated that "Dr. Briones is familiar with the community and the operations of the school district. She is a solid proponent of a strong educational system and should be a resource to her fellow Board Members. I believe she will represent the voters of the Bagdad School District very well. Her experience as a parent will be a benefit as she carries out her new responsibilities".

Mr. Carter may be reached at 928-925-6560. Dr. Briones may be contacted at 928-633-5427.