



## **Pendergast District leader selected to serve on Glendale Chamber Board**

*Dr. Jennifer Cruz will bring her insight and energy to enhance the Chamber's goals*

Phoenix, Az. – March 15, 2021 – The Glendale Chamber of Commerce has selected Dr. Jennifer Cruz, acting superintendent of the Pendergast District, to its board of directors. The Glendale Chamber is one of the largest business organizations in the West Valley. Their primary focus is to promote a strong local economy; a responsibility they take very seriously. The City of Glendale has a vibrant community along with a rich history. Each day, the Chamber Team works to make a difference ensuring growth in businesses and working to build a better community. As a board member, Cruz will help be responsible for setting policies, establishing goals, providing adequate funding, and other duties in order to keep the local communities within Glendale thriving.

According to Dr. Cruz, “We have been fortunate to have a wonderful partnership with the Glendale Chamber. They truly understand the relationship between our schools, communities and educating our future work force. The team has been supportive of our programs, participated in all aspects of the district and been a strong advocate for the Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life conference. I look forward to serving and continuing this meaningful and productive relationship.”

Glendale Chamber President and CEO Robert Heidt shares, “Having Dr. Jen Cruz join the Glendale Chamber of Commerce is a tremendous asset. The students of today are our future workforce and having Dr. Cruz at the table with business and community leaders will ensure the voice of education is heard. There are many synergies between the business community and education and together we will continue to build on the importance of education.”

In addition to the Glendale Chamber, Dr. Cruz also is a member of the City of Phoenix Youth and Education Commission and an alumni of Leadership West, as well as serving with other community based organizations. Community service is of vital importance to her and she feels fortunate to be able to give her time to assist.