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STAR Academy Superintendent Named

Pierre, S.D. – The home for state-run juvenile corrections programs in South Dakota will soon be under new leadership.

Brad Bergeson has been named the superintendent at the State Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) Academy near Custer.

Bergeson is currently the Services Coordination Division Manager for the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. He has 23 years experience in various human services and correctional facilities, including seven years with the Texas Youth Commission, that state's juvenile corrections agency for delinquent youth. Bergeson is also a licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor, a Certified Master Trainer, and a Licensed Professional Counselor candidate.

Bergeson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from Morningside College in Sioux City, IA and earned a Masters degree in Educational Psychology from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX.

"We've landed an excellent superintendent in Brad Bergeson," said Corrections Secretary Tim Reisch. "Under the guidance of the finest juvenile director in the nation, Doug Herrmann, I anticipate great things from STAR Academy with Brad at the helm."

Herrmann has served as interim superintendent at STAR Academy since Mark Snyder's resignation last December.

Bergeson will begin his duties in June.