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Five Texas school boards selected as 2019 Honor School Boards

AUSTIN—Five school boards from across Texas have been selected as Honor School Boards as part of the 2019 Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) School Board Awards. Each year, the program recognizes outstanding Texas school boards for commitment and service that has made a positive impact on Texas public school students.

Since 1971, the TASA program has honored Texas school district boards of trustees that have demonstrated dedication to student achievement and that put students first. The five school boards selected as **2019 Texas Honor School Boards** are:

- Harlingen CISD Board of Trustees, Region 1, Art Cavazos, nominating superintendent
- Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees, Region 4, DeeAnn Powell, nominating superintendent
- Tyler ISD Board of Trustees, Region 7, Marty Crawford, nominating superintendent
- Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees, Region 10, JJ Villarreal, nominating superintendent
- Frenship ISD Board of Trustees, Region 17, Michelle McCord, nominating superintendent

The five boards are now finalists for the program's highest honor: 2019 Outstanding School Board. They will be interviewed at the TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas, where one board will be named Outstanding School Board during the convention's first general session at 4 p.m., Sept. 20. The other Honor Boards, as well as the regional winners, will also be recognized at that time. The eight boards to be recognized as **Regional Honor Boards** are:

- Beeville ISD Board of Trustees, Region 2 (large district), Marc Puig, nominating superintendent
- Premont ISD Board of Trustees, Region 2 (small district), Steve VanMatre, nominating superintendent
- Bridge City ISD Board of Trustees, Region 5, Todd Lintzen, nominating superintendent
- Denton ISD Board of Trustees, Region 11, Jamie Wilson, nominating superintendent
- Copperas Cove ISD Board of Trustees, Region 12, Joe Burns, nominating superintendent
- Giddings ISD Board of Trustees, Region 13, Roger Dees, nominating superintendent
- Canyon ISD Board of Trustees, Region 16, Darryl Flusche, nominating superintendent
- Boerne ISD Board of Trustees, Region 20, Thomas Price, nominating superintendent

The five Honor Boards were selected by a committee of Texas school superintendents, chaired by Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Superintendent Robin Ryan, whose school board was named the Outstanding School Board for 2018. The selection committee's decisions were based on criteria that include: support for educational performance, support for educational improvement projects, commitment to a code of ethics, and maintenance of harmonious and supportive relationships among board members.

TASA is the professional association for Texas school superintendents and other administrators. The mission of the organization, which focuses on professional learning, advocacy and member engagement, is to promote, provide and develop leaders who create and sustain student-centered schools and develop future-ready students.