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## TASA Announces Regional Nominees for 2017 Outstanding School Board

AUSTIN – Sixteen Texas school district boards of trustees have been selected as regional nominees for the 2017 Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) School Board Awards.

The regional nominees for 2017 Outstanding School Board of the Year are:

| Texas Education Service Center Region | School District      | Nominating Superintendent |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1                                     | Lasara ISD           | Sara Alvarado             |
| 3                                     | Wharton ISD          | Tina Harrington           |
| 4                                     | Galena Park ISD      | Angi Williams             |
| 5                                     | Hardin-Jefferson ISD | Shannon Holmes            |
| 7                                     | Longview ISD         | James Wilcox              |
| 8                                     | Sulphur Springs ISD  | Michael Lamb              |
| 10                                    | Royse City ISD       | Kevin Worthly             |
| 11                                    | Mansfield ISD        | Jim Vaszauskas            |
| 12                                    | Killeen ISD          | John Craft                |
| 13                                    | Dripping Springs ISD | Bruce Gearing             |
| 16                                    | Canadian ISD         | Kyle Lynch                |
| 17                                    | O'Donnell ISD        | Cathy Palmer              |
| 18                                    | Coahoma ISD          | Amy Jacobs                |
| 18                                    | Alpine ISD           | Rebecca Watley            |
| 20                                    | Center Point ISD     | Cody Newcomb              |
| 20                                    | Southwest ISD        | Lloyd Verstuyft           |

Texas school superintendents who belong to TASA and meet other criteria may nominate their boards of trustees for the TASA School Board Awards. Committees of TASA members organized by Texas' regional education service centers review the nominations and select up to two school boards for consideration for the state-level awards: one with fewer than 1,000 students and one with 1,000 or more students.

TASA's School Board Awards Committee will meet in late July to select up to five of the nominated boards to be recognized as Honor Boards. Those finalists will be interviewed at the TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas October 6-8, and one will be named Outstanding School Board of the Year during that event.

The TASA School Board Awards Program was established in 1971 to recognize the dedication and service of school boards that make a positive impact on the schoolchildren of Texas.

TASA is the professional association for Texas public school administrators, providing networking and professional learning opportunities, legislative advocacy, and targeted communications to support the work of superintendents and other school leaders. The organization's mission is to promote, provide and develop leaders who create and sustain student-centered schools and develop future-ready students.