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## Five Texas school boards selected as 2015 Honor School Boards

AUSTIN—Five school boards from across Texas have been selected as Honor School Boards as part of the 2015 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 **2015 Texas Honor School Boards** are:

- **Cypress-Fairbanks ISD**, Region 4, Mark Henry, superintendent
- **Gunter ISD**, Region 10, Jill Siler, superintendent
- **La Joya ISD**, Region 1, Alda Benavides, superintendent
- **North East ISD**, Region 20, Brian Gottardy, superintendent
- **Socorro ISD**, Region 19, Jose Espinoza, superintendent

The five boards are now finalists for the program's highest honor: 2015 Outstanding School Board. They will be interviewed at the TASA/TASB Convention in Austin, then one board will be named Outstanding School Board during the convention's first general session at 4 p.m. on Oct. 2. The other Honor Boards, as well as the regional winners, will also be recognized at that time. The 11 boards to be recognized as **Regional Honor Boards** are:

- **Albany ISD**, Region 14, Shane Fields, superintendent
- **Colorado ISD**, Region 14, Reggy Spencer, superintendent
- **Elgin ISD**, Region 13, Jodi Duron, superintendent
- **Floydada ISD**, Region 17, Gilbert Trevino, superintendent
- **Fort Hancock ISD**, Region 19, Jose Franco, superintendent
- **Midland ISD**, Region 18, Ryder Warren, superintendent
- **Paint Rock ISD**, Region 15, Ron Cline, superintendent
- **San Angelo ISD**, Region 15, Carol Ann Bonds, superintendent
- **Texarkana ISD**, Region 8, Paul Norton, superintendent
- **Wink-Loving ISD**, Region 18, Dewitt Smith, superintendent
- **Wylie ISD**, Region 10, David Vinson, superintendent

The five Honor Boards were selected by a committee of Texas school superintendents, chaired by Arlington ISD superintendent Marcelo Cavazos, whose school board was named the Outstanding School Board for 2014. The selection committee's decisions were based on specific criteria, including 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 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.