



Pflugerville ISD Wins Regional School Board Award

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(Austin)—Pflugerville ISD School Board has been named 2020 Regional Outstanding School Board of Trustees by Education Service Center Region 13 and Texas Association of School Administrators.

Pflugerville ISD serves approximately 26,500 students and about 1,900 teachers.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Douglas Killian cited the PflISD Board steadfastness in their “mission to provide an inspiring, engaging, and relevant education that empowers students to reach their full potential as productive members of a diverse global community.” The PflISD Board’s impact was visible through a variety of ways, including:

- Revision of a DEC LOCAL policy regarding leaves and absences in addition to TASB Policy Updates and 10 local policies, each time seeking input and involving stakeholders.
- Recognition of fourteen campuses received one or more Distinction Designations from the TEA, with a total of thirty-eight awarded District-wide. The district’s 6-year extended graduation rate of 99.2% equated to a scaled score of 95 or “A” for the graduation rate component.
- Creation and implementation of a new district strategic plan with objectives focused on teaching and learning.
- Investing \$85.8 million in improving aging facilities.
- Prioritizing increasing teacher compensation through the investment of 86% of new money.
- Continued learning through participation of board-related training.

With Pflugerville rapidly changing from a rural to an urban district, it’s been critical for the board to maintain open and constructive communication. As active and trusted members of the Pflugerville community and composed of former PflISD educators, they work and represent the best interests of the educators and families in the district.

“They have voted their conscience and done what they felt was best for their students, their staff, and their community, with no fear for repercussions,” says Dr. Killian. “I cannot say enough to express the support this Board has given to me, our staff, our students, and the Pflugerville community.”

“We are excited to honor Pflugerville ISD as our Regional Outstanding Board this year,” said Dr. Rich Elsasser, Executive Director of ESC Region 13. “Dr. Killian and the board are extremely involved with their educational community and represent the district’s strong values at regional and state levels, which translates into improved student outcomes through Pflugerville ISD. Congratulations PfISD!”

Texas school superintendents who are TASA members 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.

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 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.

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