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Plano ISD Board of Trustees reviews Feeder School Alignment Committee work*Decision on feeder school realignment to come in December*

Plano, Texas, October 21, 2009— At a work session last night, the Plano Independent School District Board of Trustees reviewed the work of the appointed Feeder School Alignment Committee and elected to allow more time to consider two very important submissions from the committee.

After hearing from Deputy Superintendent Danny Modisette and Area Assistant Superintendents Roxanne Burleson, Mike Collinworth and Patty Meyer, the board concluded that the committee work revealed a common desire to review the guiding principles for the realignment process as follows: (1) reconsider the guiding principle of no split secondary feeders recommended by the 2002 Blue Ribbon Boundary Committee, and (2) consider adding a guiding principle addressing socioeconomic and academic balance.

To date, the Feeder School Alignment Committee has held three working meetings, hosted three public hearings and invested many hours researching this issue and reviewing comments and petitions from the community. Each public hearing, hosted at Plano ISD's three senior high schools, was attended by nearly 600 community members with approximately 400 total speakers. Board President Lloyd Jenkins commended committee members and Plano ISD staff for their attention to the tremendous input from all sides of this important issue.

"I sincerely appreciate the countless hours of study and attention this topic has garnered from our committee, parents and patrons," said President Jenkins. "My fellow trustees and I will give careful consideration to the many facets of this weighty decision. At the heart of this issue are our school children and there could be no better motivator for making the best choice for all."

The board concluded that the committee has met its responsibility to solicit, hear and summarize the voices of the community and that it is now time for the board to examine the committee's findings and study the feeder issue further. To that end, President Jenkins formed two subcommittees of board members, one to research the guiding principle of no split feeders and one to research balancing school enrollment based on socioeconomic factors. All board members expressed the need for more time to study the community's concerns, making December 15 the target date for a final decision.

About Plano Independent School District

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) – <http://www.pisd.edu/> – endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. The mission of Plano ISD is to provide an excellent education for all students. Plano ISD is located twenty miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs 7,000 faculty and staff members who serve more than 54,000 students in sixty-seven schools, three special programs including Head Start, and eleven service facilities. Participating in Plano ISD schools enables students to adapt to new learning opportunities throughout their lives, collaborate with, and contribute to, the global community and to be creative and disciplined in their thinking.