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## Plano ISD Board of Trustees names lone finalist for superintendent position

*Dr. Brian T. Binggeli of Brevard Public Schools in Viera, FL slated to fill position previously held by retired Superintendent of Schools Richard Matkin*

**Plano, TX — March 5, 2015.** One of the most pivotal tasks that any school board can undertake is the selection of a new superintendent of schools. Board members expressed an interest in attracting national candidates for the top position in Plano ISD, and from among 103 applicants spanning 43 states, selected Dr. Brian T. Binggeli [*pronounced BING•lee*] who currently serves as superintendent of schools for Brevard Public Schools in Viera, Florida.

Having been named lone finalist in a special called meeting today by the Plano ISD Board of Trustees, Dr. Binggeli will replace Superintendent Richard Matkin who retired in January after 40 years of service in public education, fourteen of those in Plano ISD. The state of Texas requires school districts to name a lone finalist for superintendent, followed by a 21-day waiting period. The school board will vote on Dr. Binggeli's appointment as superintendent of schools on March 26, setting a start date of July 1.

Working with search firm Ray and Associates, Inc., the Plano ISD Board of Trustees took a collaborative approach in developing a superintendent candidate profile, carefully considering input from a variety of groups including parents, students, teachers, principals and community members. "The candidate profile gave us a clear understanding of the type of leader we were seeking. From our first visit with Dr. Binggeli, he projected an enthusiastic and visionary mindset for education. He shared his belief that 'every child can learn' with a heartfelt demeanor, and provided supporting data that made him an ideal fit," said School Board President Nancy Humphrey. "Dr. Binggeli has an ability to relate in a personal and professional manner that will be critical in connecting with our teachers from day one. He is passionate about establishing relationships that are centered on learning and support and is a definite champion for teachers."

Dr. Binggeli became Superintendent of Brevard Public Schools (BPS) on July 1, 2009. In his current role, he is responsible for more than 73,000 students, approximately 9,000 school board employees, 82 schools, 10 charter schools and 20 special centers in a county that encompasses 1,557 square miles. Now in his 34th year in public education, Dr. Binggeli has served in school administration for 26 years. He was director of middle education and then

executive director of Curriculum and Instruction for Spotsylvania County Schools in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Prior to being selected as Superintendent for BPS, Dr. Binggeli was the Cluster IV Assistant Superintendent for Fairfax County Public Schools in Falls Church, Virginia. This position gave him overall programmatic responsibility for 29 schools and 22,000 students while placing him on the Leadership Team of the 12th largest school district in the nation (170,000 students). In 2000, Dr. Binggeli was selected as Henrico County Public Schools Instructional Leader of the Year. Henrico County Public Schools is host to 66 schools and over 47,000 students. He was nominated by the Richmond Area Counselors Association for the Virginia School Counselors Association School Administrator of the Year Award in 2001 and named by the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals as Outstanding Middle School Principal of Virginia in 2002. In 2011, Dr. Binggeli was recognized by the Consortium of Florida Education Foundation with the Florida Star Superintendent Award.

“He has managed districts of size and understands the scale of Plano ISD. He has worked to improve achievement among all students tempered with an unwavering expectation for excellence. The board also found value in his appreciation and understanding of higher education and its connection to our school community,” said President Humphrey. “I appreciate his expertise in fiscal management of a large organization and feel he will understand the financial future of Plano ISD and our accountability to taxpayers. Additionally, through examples of his work, I had a glimpse of Dr. Binggeli’s collaborative spirit in working with corporate citizens. I know he understands how important it is to connect these partners to Plano ISD.”

Dr. Binggeli stated that the invitation to come to Plano ISD is an incredible opportunity. “I felt a positive connection to this dedicated and mission-driven board of trustees and feel that Plano ISD is absolutely the right move for me,” said Dr. Binggeli. “The organizational values and beliefs guiding Plano ISD align with mine, particularly those centered on fostering and supporting a collaborative, professional culture that helps all children pursue excellence. I look forward to connecting with people in our schools and in our community and welcome the opportunity to serve the students, teachers, staff and citizens of Plano ISD.”

Dr. Binggeli holds a doctorate in educational leadership and policy studies from Virginia Tech. He earned his master’s degree from Virginia State and his undergraduate degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Dr. Binggeli began his career as a teacher in Elyria, Ohio in 1981 and served as a teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal in Virginia. He has been a principal at both the middle and high school level. Dr. Binggeli has served as an adjunct professor in Virginia Tech’s Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Doctoral program and in the University of Virginia’s administrative licensure program.

***About Plano Independent School District***

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) ([www.pisd.edu](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 each student. Plano ISD is located 20 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 more than 6,500 staff members who serve more than 55,000 students in 72 schools and 11 service facilities. Plano ISD schools empower students to be able to adapt to new learning and career opportunities throughout their lives, collaborate with, and contribute to, the global community and to be disciplined and creative in their thinking.

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