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PLANO ISD CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Steve Fortenberry to retire after distinguished career in public education.



Plano, TX – August 24, 2017. Plano Independent School District CFO Steve Fortenberry has announced his retirement effective December 31, 2017, after an almost 35-year career in public education, including two terms in Plano ISD. He returned to Plano ISD as CFO in 2012.

Mr. Fortenberry's leadership helped maintain the Plano ISD legacy of financial responsibility, which includes the district's earning the highest stand-alone credit ratings (Aaa / AA+) carried by any school district in Texas and the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) School FIRST top rating of "superior achievement."

As chief financial officer, Mr. Fortenberry has overseen the district's finances, budgeting, accounting, payroll and accounts payable, along with facilities management, demographic planning, purchasing and facility construction and renovation. Mr. Fortenberry was instrumental in educating the public about the May 2016 bond proposal to invest \$481 million in Plano ISD facilities and technology efforts. The bond passed by a 79% margin of approval. Also during Mr. Fortenberry's tenure as CFO, the November 5, 2013, tax ratification election passed with 63% of the vote. Both have long-term benefits for the district and the education of students.

Mr. Fortenberry was appointed by the Plano ISD Board of Trustees as Interim Superintendent after the retirement of Superintendent Richard Matkin in January 2015 and prior to the appointment of Dr. Brian Binggeli as superintendent.

"I thank the district for allowing me to come back and finish my career in Plano after a 25-year absence," said Mr. Fortenberry, "In addition, the honor the board bestowed upon me to serve as Interim Superintendent in 2015 was the highlight of my professional career and something I will always cherish."



Retiring CFO Steve Fortenberry with wife Becky at the 2015 Plano ISD Teacher of the Year Gala where he served as honorary chair during his tenure as interim superintendent of schools.

Before joining Plano ISD in 2012, Mr. Fortenberry was the Chief Financial Officer for the McKinney Independent School District in McKinney, Texas, where he was involved in two successful bond propositions. He also served as CFO for Fort Worth ISD in Fort Worth, Texas, and the Calcasieu Parish School Board in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Mr. Fortenberry is a former auditor for Arthur Anderson & Company and began his school finance career in 1983 as assistant director of finance for Plano ISD.

A certified public accountant, Mr. Fortenberry received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Tech University. He is also the recipient of the Leadership Circle Gold Member Award from the Texas state comptroller for financial transparency.

About Plano Independent School District

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) (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 54,000 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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