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## **PLANO ISD'S MORGEN WALKER ACHIEVES 500TH CAREER WIN IN TEAM TENNIS**

**PLANO, TX, October 1, 2021** – Plano West Senior High School's team tennis win on Tuesday, September 28, marked the 500th career win for head coach Morgen Walker. A math teacher for 29 years—20 of them with Plano West—Morgen has led the school to become a 6A team tennis powerhouse winning the fourth most state titles in UIL history in that sport.

Morgen joined Plano West in 2002 and out of the school's five state championships in team tennis, four have been under his leadership. Of the school's 18 state appearances in team tennis, 16 of them have been under coach Walker.

"I've been playing this game for 42 years," Walker stated. "I love getting out there with kids to help them get better and to work with them in showing that there is more to this sport than the individual." His parents inspired his career as a teacher and coach. His father was a coach, principal and superintendent while his mother was a teacher. He describes the amazing milestone that he reached this week as "kind of surreal" adding that he is "thankful for the support from current and former players, administrators, coaches, parents and, most importantly, my family."

This week's win clinched at least a tie for the district championship for Plano West. Next week's final district match will determine whether Plano West advances to regionals as the outright district champion. The state tournament begins in late October, which could mark Plano West's 19th state appearance and possibly sixth state title.

**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. 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 7,000 staff members who serve more than 50,000 students in 72 schools and 11 service facilities. Mission: Our Plano ISD learning community will educate, inspire and empower every student to activate their unique potential in a dynamic world.

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