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## NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS SERVICES APPROVED BY PLANO ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Randy McDowell from Rockwall ISD joins the Plano ISD leadership team



Randy McDowell
Assistant Superintendent for Business Services

**Plano**, **TX – October 3**, **2017**. At tonight's meeting of the Plano ISD Board of Trustees, Randy McDowell was announced as Plano ISD's assistant superintendent for business services, replacing retiring CFO Steve Fortenberry.

"I welcome the opportunity to join the Plano ISD family of employees. I have great respect for Steve Fortenberry and for working in public education," said Mr. McDowell. "I look forward to this new challenge."

Mr. McDowell has significant experience with financial management of school districts beginning his career as an accountant in Canyon ISD in 1992. Since 2015 he has served as

CFO for Rockwall ISD where he oversaw the district's financial and business office operations including budgeting, purchasing, accounts payable, payroll, audit and internal controls. He managed construction projects, bond funds, demographic forecasting and growth modeling. Also under his leadership were the operational areas of human resources, benefits, maintenance, custodial and food services, as well as construction and transportation.

Prior to Rockwall ISD, Mr. McDowell served as assistant superintendent of business and operations at Canyon ISD where he performed the duties of CFO. Before that, Mr. McDowell was director of information management services/school finance specialist at Region 16 Education Service Center where he consulted and assisted 63 districts with financial issues and directed the information management services division.

Mr. McDowell received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from West Texas A&M University. His active professional leadership profile includes serving as a Registered Texas School Business Administrator (RTSBA) and as current president of the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO). Mr. McDowell has served as the TASBO Legislative/Governmental Relations Committee board liaison; the Texas Education Agency (TEA), Accounting and Auditing Committee co-chair; TEA School Finance council member; Panhandle School Leaders Association president; Panhandle TASBO affiliate president; and as the Property Casualty Alliance of Texas (PCAT) president.

## **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 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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