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## **Plano ISD Board of Trustees Named 2025 Region 10 Outstanding School Board**

**PLANO, TX, June 12, 2025** – Plano ISD’s Board of Trustees has earned the prestigious honor of being named the 2025 Region 10 Outstanding School Board by the Region 10 Education Service Center. The board received this surprise announcement at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

This accolade honors school boards that demonstrate exceptional leadership, vision and a commitment to student success. The Plano ISD School Board earned this distinction for their exemplary guidance and the significant, positive changes they have brought to the district’s more than 46,000 students across 69 campuses. The Plano ISD Board of Trustees includes Dr. Lauren Tyra (President), Nancy Humphrey (Vice President and Immediate Past President), Tarrah Lantz (Secretary), Trustee Michael Cook, Trustee Katherine Goodwin, Trustee Sam Johnson and Trustee Elisa Klein. The district also extends sincere gratitude to recently retired trustees Jeri Chambers and Angela Powell, who each served the district for two terms and whose dedicated service laid important groundwork that continues to benefit the district.

Their longstanding commitment played a vital role in making this recognition possible, and their influence continues to benefit the district today.

The board’s leadership has been crucial in advancing the district’s mission of educating, inspiring and empowering every student to activate their unique potential. Key achievements include the passage of a \$1.34 billion bond and a Voter Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) in 2022, which lowered tax rates while securing vital resources for students and staff. Additionally, the district dedicated 100% of VATRE funds to teacher and staff compensation, conducted a comprehensive refresh of its Strategic Plan with over 100 community meetings and implemented innovative programs that have driven measurable gains in student outcomes.

“I am incredibly proud to work alongside a board that places student engagement and achievement above all else,” said Dr. Theresa Williams, Plano ISD Superintendent. “They dedicate countless hours to ensure that Plano ISD has a strong foundation, a clear strategic

vision, focused goals, strong governance and the resources to create the right conditions that drive student success. Their collaborative approach, ethical leadership and commitment to engaging community voices have created a culture of trust and transparency throughout our district. This recognition reflects their dedication to making Plano ISD a district of choice and a gold standard for excellence in Texas public education.”

The board has also demonstrated exceptional advocacy for public education, maintaining a visible presence at the State Capitol and championing adequate and equitable funding for all students. Their engagement initiatives, including Superintendent Roundtables, the Leadership and Ambassador Programs and Trustee Listening Circles, have strengthened community partnerships and ensured stakeholder voices are heard in decision-making processes.

“The Plano ISD Board of Trustees exemplifies the highest standards of school board governance,” said Dr. Jana Melsheimer, Region 10 Executive Director. “Their unwavering commitment to every student’s success, combined with their strategic vision and fiscal responsibility, has positioned Plano ISD as a model district. Their ability to engage the community while making difficult decisions with students’ best interests at heart truly sets them apart.”

As the 2025 Region 10 Outstanding School Board, Plano ISD will now advance to the statewide Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) School Board Awards competition, where finalists will be considered for the Texas Outstanding School Board later this year. The board was also named a [Top 5 Finalist for the 2025 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award](#) in January 2025.

### **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 6,500 staff members who serve over 46,000 students in 69 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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