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DSISD Trustee Completes Leadership Program

Dripping Springs ISD trustee Barbara Stroud has earned the designation of Master Trustee upon completion of Leadership TASB, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Ms. Stroud, who has been on the DSISD Board of Trustees since 2008, currently serves as board vice president after three years as president.

During the program's final session, held recently in Fort Worth, school board members in the 2015–16 Leadership TASB class made presentations of their team's findings following year-long research. Class participants selected topics related to public school boards facing change and selected narrowed research fields for in-depth study. Their research focused on topics that included strategies to deal with employee retention, understanding statewide accountability, successful early childhood education programs, focused community engagement, the role of the school board regarding advocacy, and statistical identification of real achievement gaps.

The Leadership TASB class met in conjunction with TASB's Summer Leadership Institute, where more than 1000 new and veteran school leaders received extensive training on every facet of effective board governance, heard keynote addresses from renowned education experts, and picked up valuable ideas from district showcases and networking opportunities.

The 2016 Leadership TASB class, composed of 34 school board members, represents Texas school districts of all sizes and property wealth. Participants who completed all required elements of the study program earned Master Trustee status, the highest designation recognized by TASB. Leadership TASB is sponsored in part by H-E-B.