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DSISD TRUSTEE COMPLETES LEADERSHIP TASB

Dripping Springs ISD trustee Mary Jane Hetrick has earned the designation of Master Trustee upon completion of Leadership TASB, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

During the final session, school board members in the 2016–17 Leadership TASB class made presentations of their team’s findings following year-long research. Class participants researched each of the titles in the federal law known as Every Student Succeeds Act. Their research focused on the law’s topics that include education for disadvantaged students, English language learners, 21st Century schools, training for school leaders, impact aid, and education for homeless students.

The Leadership TASB class met in conjunction with TASB’s Summer Leadership Institute in Fort Worth. More than 1,000 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.

After the graduation ceremony June 23, participants joined the ranks of more than 800 school board members statewide who are Leadership TASB alumni. The 2017 Leadership TASB class, composed of 33 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. DSISD Board Vice President Barbara Stroud and Shelly Reeves also have earned the designation of Master Trustee.

TASB is a voluntary, nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school boards. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 5.3 million public school students.