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PLANO ISD CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER RECEIVES COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARD



PLANO, TX, April 14, 2021 – At their April 6 meeting, Plano ISD’s Board of Trustees recognized Plano ISD’s Chief Financial Officer Randy McDowell for being named the 2021 recipient of the Commitment to Excellence Award. This award is the highest individual honor presented to a Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) member who best distinguishes themselves within their profession, within their district and within TASBO.

McDowell, who joined Plano ISD in 2017 and has 29 years in school district finance, worked his way through college as a school bus driver. After graduating with a business administration degree from West Texas A&M University he was offered an accounting position with Canyon Independent School District. Since then, he has served as chief financial officer in four school districts and as a school finance expert at the Region 16 Education Service Center. He has also held numerous leadership positions with statewide organizations, including as president of TASBO, which has a membership of over 7,500 school business professionals. Through TASBO he has also mentored many financial professionals who are new to the profession or new to their positions.

“I wouldn’t have made it in this profession without the strong network of mentors and peers that I’ve had,” McDowell stated. “When you start in this business, you can only dream to receive this level of recognition. I’ve been truly blessed in my whole career to work with great people and great school districts.”

At the Board of Trustees meeting, TASBO's Executive Director Tracy Ginsburg stated, "I can't think of anyone who is more deserving of the Commitment to Excellence Award than Randy. I thank you so much for allowing me to step into your board meeting tonight and join you to recognize an outstanding leader."

The honor includes a \$3,000 award on behalf of TASBO strategic partner Equitable. The company's regional vice president Michael Steffan Jr. joined Ginsburg at the school board meeting to present the monetary award. McDowell is donating the money to the Plano ISD Education Foundation.

Learn more about the award and about McDowell's contributions by viewing [TASBO's Commitment to Excellence video](#).

About Plano Independent School District

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) (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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