Nivens Named Region 10 Superintendent of the Year

Community Independent School District Superintendent Roosevelt Nivens has been named the 2019 Region 10 Education Service Center Superintendent of the Year.

Dr. Nivens, who has served in Community since 2015, is the son of two educators who together served almost 90 years in public schools. He has followed in their footsteps, teaching and leading in diverse school environments for over two decades.

“Community is fortunate to have such a hands-on, forward-thinking leader at the helm of a district that other educators can watch and relate to,” says Region 10 Executive Director Dr. Gordon Taylor. “We’re proud that Region 10 area school board members serving on the selection committee chose to shine a light on the difference Roosevelt is making in the lives of the students and fellow educators he serves.”

CISD Board President Mike Shepard says Dr. Nivens' passion, vision and inspired leadership are making a mark on Community ISD. "On behalf of my fellow Trustees, we were honored to share his story, and we are not at all surprised he has been selected for this high honor," says Shepard.

Since 1984, the Texas Association of School Boards Superintendent of the Year (SOTY) award program has honored outstanding administrators' achievement and excellence in public school administration. These school leaders exhibit exemplary and visionary leadership toward improving student performance. They are chosen for their strong leadership skills, dedication to improving the quality of education in their districts, and commitment to public support and involvement in education.

Dr. Nivens is among 19 regional finalists who will be interviewed by the state committee in Austin on August 23-24, 2019. The committee will select five state finalists, and one TASB Superintendent of the Year. The district of the TASB Superintendent of the Year receives a $5,000 award, which will be presented at the 2019 TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas on September 21, 2019.

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About Region 10 ESC

Region 10 is one of 20 regional service centers established by the Texas State Legislature in 1967 for the purpose of delivering professional development and a range of other innovative solutions. Its consultants provide services at offices in Richardson as well as in field locations across the Region 10 area. They proudly serve more than 865,000 students and 106,000 school staff, of which 56,000 are teachers in over 130 ISDs, charters and private schools across 10 north Texas counties.

About Community ISD

Established in 1947, Community ISD has been serving the students and families in southeast Collin County for over 70 years. CISD attendance boundaries spread over 89 square miles and encompass the towns of Copeville, Josephine, Lavon and Nevada. CISD is a fast-growing district and home to 2,500 students attending our four campuses: NeSmith Elementary (Pre-K - 5th grade), McClendon Elementary (Pre-K - 5th grade and ESL program), Edge Middle School (6th - 8th grade), and Community High School (9th - 12th grade) where 100% of the graduates in the Class of 2019 were accepted to a college, university, trade school or military service.

About TASB

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) is a voluntary, nonprofit, statewide educational association that serves and represents local Texas school boards and was established in 1949. TASB’s membership includes all 1,025 Texas school districts, 20 regional education service centers, 50 community colleges, 19 central appraisal districts, and 133 shared service arrangements. The Association represents the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state (more than 7,000 school board members) that serves more than 5.4 million Texas students.