

Vroonland named Region 10 Superintendent of the Year



Dr. David Vroonland was recognized as the 2018 Region 10 Superintendent of the Year during a special ceremony near Austin on Tuesday night, June 26. (Video: goo.gl/mUayLD)

"At Region 10 and across north Texas, we know David to be a dedicated, hard-working professional who continually strives to improve the quality of education for all students," says Region 10 Executive Director Gordon Taylor. "He is a remarkable chief education officer for the team he leads, and we're proud to shine a light on his service to the students, families and citizens of Mesquite ISD, as well as to his fellow educators."

An educator for more than 30 years, Vroonland began his education career in 1986 as a teacher and coach in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. In 1991, he accepted a similar position at DuVal High School in Lanham, Md., followed by two-and-a-half years as a coach and teacher in Akishima, Japan. In 1995, Vroonland returned to Texas to teach and coach at McNeil Junior High School in Wichita Falls ISD.

His administrative experience began in 1999 in Wichita Falls. Vroonland moved to Allen High School in Allen ISD as house principal in 2003. He opened Ereckson Middle School in Allen as principal in 2004 before assuming the role of assistant superintendent of administrative services in Allen ISD in 2006. Most recently, Vroonland served as superintendent of Frenship ISD located on the southwestern side of Lubbock County.

Vroonland and his wife, Joy, have two sons, Caleb and Matthew, one granddaughter, Josalin, and a recently born grandson, William. Vroonland earned his bachelor's degree from Centenary College of Louisiana, his master's from Midwestern State University, and his doctorate from the University of North Texas.

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.



Vroonland will now be considered for recognition as the state Superintendent of the Year. The district of the winning superintendent receives a \$5,000 award, which will be presented in late September at the 2018 Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards (TASA/TASB) Annual Convention in Austin.

Pictured in first photo: Dr. Rickey Williams, Region 10 Deputy Executive Director; Dr. John Chapman, Superintendent of Schools, Ennis ISD and 2017 Region 10 Superintendent of the Year; Dr. David Vroonland, Superintendent of Schools, Mesquite ISD, 2018 Region 10 Superintendent of the Year; Joy Vroonland; Dr. Karin Holacka, Region 10 Deputy Executive Director; Dr. Gordon Taylor, Region 10 Executive Director.

Pictured in second photo: Joy and David Vroonland.

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About Mesquite Independent School District – Mesquite ISD encompasses an area of approximately 60 square miles along either side of interstate 635 in east Dallas County. It draws from the communities of Mesquite, Garland and Balch Springs, as well as areas of Dallas. The district serves more than 40,000 students on 47 campuses.

About Region 10 – Located in Richardson, Region 10 Education Service Center is one of 20 regional service centers established by the Texas State Legislature in 1967 for the purpose of providing services to the schools within a defined geographic region. Region 10 provides services that impact more than 840,000 students on 1,220 campuses. Among the 104,000 staffers supported by the Center are more than 55,000 teachers in [147 ISDs, charters and private schools](#) across [eight north Texas counties and portions of two others](#).