

Superintendent Communication
Hereford ISD Board of Trustees
Board Appreciation Month January 2010

The Constitution of the United States of America provides for each state to develop and manage the education of its young people. The State of Texas provides for independent school districts created, managed and served by local communities. There are 1,289 school districts in Texas, serving 8,998 campuses and almost 2 million children. None more important than the 8 campuses and 4,000 children right here in Hereford.

Your Hereford school board members are local citizens elected by our community to control and manage our school system. School board members may be doctors, farmers, business people, retired citizens, homemakers, lawyers, nurses, accountants or from any occupation. The point is that the school board is like a microcosm of the community, elected to work as a team, to make decisions that are in the best interest of the students, staff and community where the public schools are concerned.

Hereford ISD school board members volunteer hundreds of hours of personal time and an immeasurable amount of energy to assure that our schools are providing the best education possible for the children of Hereford. Here are some reasons we are taking this opportunity to show them our appreciation during School Board Appreciation Month in Texas – January 2010:

- Hereford school board members are local citizens whose decisions affect our children. They make decisions about the direction the school system is heading. They must also make the hard decisions about budgetary matters that also affect the community.
- These men and women set the vision for the Hereford ISD and set policy that provides the framework for operations. They represent – as a board – the total community. They must attend numerous, often lengthy meetings that are sometimes fulfilling and sometimes contentious. They also must, by law, attend annual training sessions so that they are informed board members.
- Our school board is one of 1,289 in Texas. Because each community elects its own board members, each board represents the community's unique needs with respect to its school system.
- Too often we forget that these men and women are our neighbors and community members. Most school board members have full time jobs outside of being a school board member. We need to take a moment during this month to say, "Thank you" to our Hereford ISD school board members: Jeff O'Rand - President // Carolyn Waters Vice-President // Amy Schueler - Secretary // Lloyd Ames // Krynson Jesko // Shannon Wallace // Luis Zamora.

I'd like to publicly commend our local board members for their *Commitment to the Children* of Hereford and to their *Dedication to Excellence* as they serve our community as a whole.

Kelli Moulton - Superintendent