



SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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SFDR CISD HONORS BOARD OF TRUSTEES DURING SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

The challenge involved in providing an excellent educational experience for the many, varied students in our district is a challenge that requires dedication and creativity in the best of times. The year 2020, however, was not the best of times.

The past year required an unusual combination of skills and talents from district leaders. Unexpected circumstances resulted in changes in laws and regulations, and those statewide changes required adaptability, quick problem solving, teamwork, and leadership at the district level.

Navigating through unfamiliar waters became a daily task, complicated by the differing opinions and desires of various constituents. These uncertain and sometimes treacherous circumstances created challenges for even the most seasoned among us. A steady hand on the rudder was absolutely required, and that’s exactly what our SFDR CISD’s board has provided.

Our trustees came through when we needed them most this year, charting a course that has protected our most vulnerable, while ensuring that academic progress could continue for all students. It was a daunting situation, but they navigated to success with unerring determination.

Board service is a volunteer effort, accepted by only a few in the community. It is a tough job with no salary. It is a critically important job that requires an election and then mandated training. It is a responsibility that takes time, a mature outlook, and careful decision-making.

School board members are the largest group of elected officials in the state, numbering more than 7,000 statewide. They are farmers, doctors, business owners, retirees, and young professionals. They are people you see in the store, at the game, and in your neighborhood. They are often overlooked, but their contributions cannot be overstated. They are shaping tomorrow.

“This month, we will join over a thousand school districts across the state of Texas in honoring our school board for their service to the community and the classroom”, explained Dr. Carlos Rios, superintendent of schools. “On behalf of our SFDR family, we want to personally thank Mr. Raymond Meza, Mrs. Linda Guanajuato-Webb, Ms. Diana Gonzales, Mr. Joshua Overfelt, Ms. Amy Haynes, Mr. Ken Smith and Mr. Fred Contreras for their leadership, guidance and relentless support this past year. It’s important that we, along with Del Rio/Laughlin Air Force Base community, let them know that their dedicated service is recognized and truly appreciated,” Rios said.

Join us in taking a moment to show our appreciation of the work our SFDR CISD Board are doing to help our students by posting an appreciation sign at your home or place of business.

Navigating To Success
School Board Recognition Month
January 2021

Your school board members are committed to public education and the continuing success of your students and schools.

Take time in January to thank them for being champions for our kids.

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Diana Gonzales Board Secretary	Ken Smith Board Member	Joshua Overfelt Board Member	Raymond Meza Board President	Linda Guanajuato-Webb Board Vice President	Fred Contreras Board Member	Amy Haynes Board Member
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