

## WISD HONORS SCHOOL BOARD THIS JANUARY

School Board Recognition Month Gives Community a Chance to Say Thank You

Wimberley, Texas, January 21, 2019--January is School Board Recognition Month, and Wimberley ISD will join the Texas Association of School Boards and other districts across the state to honor the countless contributions of these locally elected advocates for Texas schoolchildren and public schools.

"School board members tackle a difficult job and shoulder enormous responsibilities. These men and women are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They provide vision and leadership in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand up for public education and guard against anything that takes away from our children or undermines our public schools," said Dwain York, Wimberley ISD superintendent of schools.

In 2018, the WISD Board proposed a \$45.5 million bond which voters approved, moved forward with a green campus that would be the first of its kind in Texas, approved a full-day pre-kindergarten program for qualifying four-year-old students and motioned for adding industry certifications for the Wimberley High School career and technical education program. The trustees provide oversight to a district with an A rating from the TEA.

Board members serving Wimberley ISD are: board president Joe Malone, a local attorney, who has served five years as a trustee, board vice president, Traci Maxwell, a local real estate broker who has served on the board since 2015, board secretary, Lori Olson, executive director of the Texas Land Trust Council has served as a trustee since 2015, Rob Campbell, elected in 2018 is a local pastor at Cypress Creek Church, school teacher Tina Pennington, has served on the board since 2015, past-president, Gina Fulkerson, has served on the board since 2008 and is a local attorney, and Ken Strange, director of Wimberley EMS, who has served on the board for 10 years.

"I am committed to doing all I can as a board member to support our teachers, administrators, kids and parents to deliver an excellent educational experience to all our students while also being a good steward of the taxpayer dollars with which we have been entrusted," said Malone.

"Our district benefits from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by these local citizens who work without pay. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, our board is responsible for an annual budget of \$32 million, 2,400 students, 350 employees and 4 campuses," said York.

"It's more important than ever before that the public support public education so that today's students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow. Please take a moment and tell school board members 'thanks for caring about our children and giving so much to our community.' Let them know we support them and that their dedicated service is recognized and truly appreciated," added York.

## **About Wimberley Independent School District**

Nestled in the majestic community of Wimberley, Texas, the Wimberley Independent School District offers the best of both worlds to local families—a small town environment with schools committed to innovation and excellence. WISD campuses include Scudder Primary School for students in PreK-1st grade, Jacobs Well Elementary for students in 2nd-5th grade, Danforth Junior High for students in 6th-8th grade and Wimberley High School, home of the Texans and students in 9th-12th grade. For more information, visit wimberleyisd.net.