

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
September 14, 2021**

Community Spotlight

Each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) honors businesses and organizations for their support and exceptional advocacy of local schools. This state-wide honor, as part of “Stand Up for Texas Public Schools,” recognizes local businesses and community organizations who partner with districts, making a difference in the lives of local public-school students.

Our partnership with the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) might be a bit surprising since our organization includes a transportation department, but the DCTA has stepped in to fill some of our gaps. In recent years, DCTA has provided passes for our students who reside in areas that lacked sidewalks, encouraging them to not walk along busy thoroughfares. They give all of our Teachers of the Year passes as well.

As we transitioned last year hosting multiple events virtually, the team at DCTA took to heart our goal of encouraging reading. Multiple members recorded videos of themselves reading transportation-themed books, inserting new life into our celebration of “Read Across America.” Our students and staff enjoyed the unique presentations, especially hearing from local leaders whose professions they don’t normally associate with reading.

In addition to directly supporting our students and staff, DCTA prides itself on serving our schools and community. As an Adopt-A-School partner, the team from DCTA has been involved due to their belief in public education and commitment to providing access and opportunities for all.

Mary Worthington, DCTA Community Relations Manager, will be on hand to accept this award.