

## **Board Recognition**

**Jan. 16, 2024**

### **Community Spotlight**

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

The Robson Ranch After Schoolers began more than 15 years ago and have been a longtime supporter of Denton ISD. The After Schoolers volunteer in several Denton ISD campuses and build meaningful relationships with both students and teachers alike.

This past fall, the After Schoolers held a yard sale with all proceeds going towards both Borman Elementary and The LaGrone Academy. In November, the After Schoolers presented both Borman and LaGrone with \$1,000 donations to support teachers and programs at both schools.

For the unique way the Robson Ranch After Schoolers have assisted our district, and for going above and beyond to assist our students and staff, we wish to thank the After Schoolers for their continued support.

*Dr. Mandi Marshall and Christine Hamilton will be in attendance to represent the group, and several additional volunteers are expected to attend.*

### **Board Spotlight – Mac & Cheese Festival**

Two Denton ISD graduates and local restaurant owners, John Williams (Oak Street) and Corey Bobbitt (Komodo Loco) helped organize the fourth annual Downtown Denton Mac N’ Cheese Festival, which raised money to pay off hundreds of unpaid lunch balances.

The festival, which was held in November, raised \$10,000 that will now go towards clearing lunch debt at multiple Title I campuses. In total, Mr. Williams and Mr. Bobbitt helped facilitate more than two dozen local restaurants who participated in the event that benefitted Denton ISD students.

*John Williams and Corey Bobbitt will be in attendance.*

## **Board Appreciation Month**

Texas is home to more than 5.4 million public school children who are enrolled in more than 1,100 school districts. That translates into 7,200 volunteers who are elected by their local citizens to act as trustees – making effective and good decisions to benefit the education of our community's young people.

In Denton ISD, our seven elected trustees work many hours – often time representing us at community breakfasts, during their lunch hour and at evening events. They respond to parent phone calls and emails; they attend trainings with regard to policy and law and they strive every day to make effective decisions to benefit of our community's more than 33,000 young people and 5,000 employees.

We want to acknowledge the work and volunteer efforts of our 2023-2024 Board of Trustees:

Mia Price, President  
Barbara Burns, Vice President  
Dr. Patricia Sosa-Sanchez, Secretary  
Amy Bundgus, Trustee  
Sheryl English, Trustee  
Charles Stafford, Trustee  
Lori Tays, Trustee

Thank you for your service and constant commitment to our organization – your impact will be felt for generations.