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Dear Bobby and Craig,

I'm writing to follow-up on our telephone conversations from earlier this week to tell you both again that we appreciate you bringing the "trustee" issue to our attention. As I told you on the phone, your letter was well-received and it prompted a great discussion at both the committee and board tables.

As I explained, the outcome of those discussions was unanimous action by the TASB Board of Directors to direct staff to add language to policy BF(Local), which is the policy that lays out the structure and protocol for the entire policy manual, that would clarify that the terms "board member" and "trustee" are used interchangeably throughout the manual and that there is no intent to distinguish between the two terms. Further, the Board's action made it clear that local school boards that prefer the "trustee" terminology in their local policies should be free to use it.

The other aspect of the Board's discussion on this topic that I must share with you is the high regard in which the two of you are held. Both of you are known to many members of the TASB Board and, while they would have taken seriously any request from a Texas board member, the fact that it came from the two of you added considerable weight to their deliberation.

Again, thank you for your thoughtful attention to this issue and for your service as a local trustee.

Sincerely,

James B. Crow
Executive Director