

Board Recognition **Feb. 27, 2024**

Denton ISD Purchasing Department Honored with Statewide Award

Denton ISD's Purchasing Department has been recognized by the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) with a 2024 Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations. The Award of Merit was established in 2009 to recognize Texas school districts that are committed to following professional standards in the acquisition of goods and services.

Each year, volunteers with the TASBO Purchasing and Supply Management Research Committee evaluate the award criteria to ensure it represents the latest best practices. They then review new and recertification applications.

For 2024, Denton ISD was one of only 77 recipients that met the stringent criteria to qualify for the award. Members of Denton ISD's Purchasing Department were honored at an awards reception on Feb. 21 in Houston during the 2024 TASBO annual conference.

Cindy Willis, Director Purchasing and Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations, will be in attendance to receive this recognition.

Denton ISD Receives \$46,423 Rebate from BuyBoard

Denton ISD has received a \$46,423 rebate from BuyBoard for purchases made in 2022-2023. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is a cooperative formed by governmental entities to streamline the buying process for public schools, municipalities and other governmental entities.

Developed to assist members in complying with their purchasing legal requirements, BuyBoard vendors have been awarded contracts for products and services through a competitive procurement process, thereby giving members the opportunity for bulk discounts, combined with the ease of online, web-based shopping.

For purchases to qualify for potential rebates, members must indicate on the purchase order that a BuyBoard contract was used, and then send the purchase order to BuyBoard. In 2020-21, BuyBoard returned its largest rebate to date – more than \$10.7 million – to 987 Cooperative members across Texas, including public schools, colleges and universities, and local governmental entities. Since 2006, more than \$80 million has been rebated to eligible members.

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Denton Public School Foundation Receives \$35,000 Donation from CoServ for Student Scholarships, Teacher Grants

The Denton Public School Foundation (DPSF) has received a \$35,000 donation from CoServ that will be used for student scholarships and teacher grants. CoServ is a longtime supporter of Denton ISD, and its latest donation will continue to impact classrooms.

Last fall, DPSF awarded \$142,869 across 139 different scholarships and classroom grants during its annual prize pep rally. The 139 scholarships and grants were awarded to 165 Denton ISD teachers and staff members across 42 campuses.