

BOARD RECOGNITION

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Board honors Rep. Crownover for her service, support of district

Texas State Rep. Myra Crownover has been a longtime supporter of our community and district, so we were saddened to hear that she would not run for re-election in 2016.

Rep. Crownover served on the Higher Education Committee and as Chair of the House Committee on Public Health, she was instrumental in the passing of HB 2847, which allows schools to stock epinephrine auto-injectors (or EpiPens) for school personnel to use on students with allergic reactions on campus.

Always loyal to the Denton and Corinth areas, Rep. Crownover often found ways to get Denton ISD students recognized in Austin and often visited district schools for events and recognitions. The district's fourth middle school is named for her late husband Dr. Ronnie Crownover and her family has an endowment with the Denton Public School Foundation which annually awards funds to secondary teachers.

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Stewart earns AASPA honor for HR excellence

Dr. Robert Stewart, assistant superintendent of human resources, was recently recognized at a conference in Baltimore by the American Association of School Personnel Administrators (AASPA) with an award of special merit for his excellent work in human resources.

The honor is bestowed upon individuals who have made a substantial contribution to AASPA and enhanced the professional visibility of the association and the field of school personnel administrators.

Last fall, the Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators awarded him the Dr. Mary Hopkins Personnel Administrator of the Year Award which is annually given to individuals in the human resources field whom TASPAs officials deem to possess strong leadership ability, a high degree of personal and professional integrity and the ability to recruit high-quality members to their organization.

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DHS percussion ensemble earns national honors

The Denton High School varsity percussion ensemble has been invited to perform at the 2016 Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival, presented by Yamaha and organized by Music for All, one of the nation's most prestigious festivals for school instrumental music ensembles.

Following an extensive recorded audition process, a judging panel consisting of some of the finest music educators in the United States selected Denton High as one of the top percussion ensembles in the country, extending them an invitation to perform at the 2016 Festival in Indianapolis from March 10-12.

Denton High's percussion section was also named as the only Commended Winner in the Foundation for Music Education's National Percussion Ensemble Honors Project.

The varsity percussion ensemble is under the direction of Robert Brannock, the school's assistant director of bands and director of percussion studies.