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Dr. Taylor Collins, Superintendent  
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RE: Candidate Endorsement TASB Board of Directors

Taylor Collins,

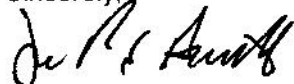
I am writing once again to remind you that the deadline for your board to act upon and submit its endorsement for the open Region V TASB Board of Directors seat is August 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are already planning to take action on the matter, then I want to thank you and your board for being an active participant in the process, regardless of your intended vote.

However, if you and your board have not yet planned to place this matter on an upcoming board meeting in August, then I urge you to become involved in the nominating process for the next Region V representative to the TASB's board. Unless a candidate receives majority support from the region's boards by the deadline, the matter is then decided by the Delegate Assembly at the TASB/TASA Convention. I believe that it is in our best interest as a region that the outcome of this process be a matter of local control.

As you consider your opportunity to participate, I want to reiterate that it is my desire to help ensure that Region 5's has committed representation on the governing body of our school board association. As a director, I would work to support TASB's mission to strengthen and develop the local school board, especially in those matters and issues most affecting the public school districts of Southeast Texas.

Again, if you have taken action or are already planning on taking action, then I want to thank you for your involvement in the endorsement process. If you have yet to decide on a course of action, then I would like to encourage you and your board to help keep this decision local.

Sincerely,



James R. de Garavilla  
Board Secretary, Silsbee ISD  
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