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Board names Dr. Brad Lancaster as superintendent of schools

In a unanimous 7-0 vote, the Lake Travis Independent School District (LTISD) Board of Trustees has named Brad Lancaster, Ed.D. as the District's permanent superintendent of schools. The action was taken at a special called board meeting held Thursday, December 1 at the District's Educational Development Center.

"Our search firm did a wonderful job of attracting and recruiting some of the best superintendent candidates in the state, and without a doubt, we found a leader of the highest professional caliber and utmost character in Dr. Lancaster," said Jason Buddin, LTISD board president. "He brings to us an impressive and proven record of leadership outcomes and community involvement. We have much to celebrate—and yet much to do at LTISD. We firmly believe that Dr. Lancaster will continue to propel our students and staff to the highest levels of performance and success."

LTISD Deputy Superintendent and General Counsel Susan Bohn served as interim superintendent upon the resignation of Dr. Rocky Kirk in early July. Since that time, the firm of School Executive Consulting, Inc. assisted the LTISD Board with an exhaustive search for a permanent superintendent.

"During the past five months, this District has been able to accomplish some incredible things," continued Mr. Buddin. "At the top of that list is the communication of our \$158.5 million bond issue approved by our voters last month. I thank Susan and her administrative team for their outstanding work."

Mostly recently, Dr. Lancaster served as superintendent of the Midway Independent School District (MISD). The District is comprised of the municipalities of Hewitt and Woodway; portions of Waco, Crawford, Lorena, McGregor, and Robinson; as well as unincorporated McLennan County in Central Texas.

During Dr. Lancaster's tenure at MISD, the District's enrollment grew by 18 percent, from 6,087 students to 7,158 students. The 2008 voter-approved bond of \$75.8 million responded to the increase in enrollment by adding 298,448 square feet in district facilities, including two new schools.

Dr. Lancaster is credited with bringing MISD from a Texas Education Agency (TEA) Acceptable rating to Recognized—falling short only three points from Exemplary in 2010. Additionally, Midway garnered state championships in volleyball (2007-08), girls' basketball (2008-09) and softball (2009-10), as well as state gold medals in tennis (2010 and 2011), swimming (2010 and 2011), and track and field (2011). Collectively, the District's successful

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academic, fine arts and athletics programs have placed Midway High School in the UIL's Lone Star Cup top 10 schools in Texas for four straight years, placing second twice. MISD was also recognized as one of six state finalists for the HEB Excellence in Education Awards earlier this spring.

A former teacher, assistant principal, principal, executive director for curriculum, and assistant superintendent in the College Station, Ennis, and Allen school districts, Dr. Lancaster earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from Baylor University as well as Master of Science in Educational Administration and Doctorate of Education degrees from Texas A&M University in College Station. He currently serves on the TEA Commissioner's Cabinet of Superintendents, the Fast Growth Schools Coalition, and the Texas Association of School Administrators' Legislative Services Committee, among others. Dr. Lancaster and his wife Karen have two children, Julia and Will.

Dr. Lancaster becomes the District's sixth superintendent since LTISD was established in 1981. He is expected to begin his tenure on Monday, January 2, 2012 and will earn an annual salary of \$250,000 as LTISD's chief executive officer.

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A TEA Exemplary District, 2010-2011

In 1981, Lake Travis Independent School District was formed in a move to build an educational program which would better meet the needs of the students from the Lake Travis area. More than 7,300 district students are serviced by eight campuses: Lake Travis High School; Lake Travis and Hudson Bend middle schools; and Lakeway, Bee Cave, Lake Travis, Lake Pointe, and Serene Hills elementary schools. For more information, visit www.ltisdschools.org.