

# Board Brief – August 2019

Communications & Community Relations Department

# Character-Education

Mina Elementary School 4th grader Michael Love shared his perspective on the character trait for the month of August. He said that respect isn't "just how you talk to someone, but also how you think and feel about them." Michael did a tremendous job!

### Student/Staff Recognition

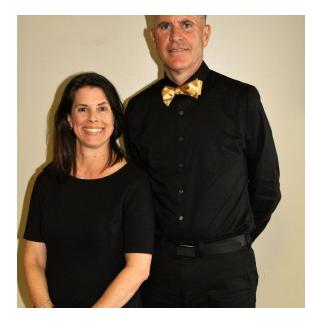
The Superintendent and Board of Trustees recognized six campuses that received a total of 14 <u>Academic Distinctions</u> under the recently released accountability ratings. **Cedar Creek Elementary** was recognized for its distinction in Mathematics. **Mina Elementary** was recognized for its distinctions in English Language Arts/Reading and Postsecondary Readiness. **Cedar Creek Intermediate** was recognized for its distinction in Science. The **Colorado River Collegiate Academy** was recognized with five distinctions for Math, Social Studies, Academic Progress, Closing Gaps, and Postsecondary Readiness. **Bastrop High School** earned two distinctions in Science and Social Studies, and **Cedar Creek High School** earned three distinctions in Math, Science and Postsecondary Readiness. Congratulations to these schools for their hard work and commitment to excellence!



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Dr. Deirdre Doughty (below with Mr. Conrardy) was honored by the Board for her selection as Region XIII Secondary Teacher of the Year. She will represent Bastrop ISD and all teachers in Region XIII throughout the next year. She will also go on to the next level of competition for Texas Teacher of the Year.



#### District Staff **Presentations**

Director of Accountability & Curriculum, Heather Christie, presented to the Board the district's recently released <u>accountability rating</u>. Included in her presentation was a brief overview of how ratings are calculated, the ratings of all campuses, and the district's plan to capitalize on successes and address academic challenges. The district's rating was a 'B' (or Recognized), which is an improvement of 8 points and one letter grade from 2018. The district released these ratings to staff and to the public on August 15. They are available on <u>our website</u>.

Board **Action**.

As part of the consent agenda, the Board approved retainer agreements for legal counsel with Leasor Crass and Walsh Gallegos; individuals identified as T-TESS appraisers; an MOU with ACC for dual credit; and an MOU with Communities in Schools.

In other action, the Board of Trustees:

- Endorsed Mary Jane Hetrick for TASB Board of Directors;
- Called for a \$3.5 million cash defeasance (early debt payoff), resulting in a total savings to taxpayers of \$5.425 million in future debt payments;
- Approved updates to the <u>Student Code of Conduct</u>; and
- Selected BOK Financial as its financial advisors.

## Enrollment Update (Total 11,131 as of Aug. 19, 2019)

BE - 732	LPE - 687	BIS - 833	BMS - 845	BHS - 1455	CRCA - 224
CCE - 768	ME - 612	CCIS - 919	CCMS - 982	CCHS - 1622	GHS - 85
EE - 730	RRE - 637				

