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TISD ELECTS NEW BOARD OFFICERS;
TEXAS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS RECOGNIZED
IN DUKE UNIVERSITY TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Texarkana, TX – During their Tuesday, May 18, 2010 regular session, Texarkana Independent School District Board of Trustees elected new officers for 2010-2011 school year.

Wanda Boyette, representing District 3, will serve as President. Donna Chatman from District 4 will serve as Vice President and Bill Kimbro with District 1 will serve as Secretary.

“TISD is pleased to have these three great community representatives leading our Board of Trustees,” commented James Henry Russell, Superintendent of Schools. “Collectively, they bring nineteen years of experience to the District. Each one of them has a proven record in strong governance and a dedication to ensuring that TISD provides an exceptional education to all learners through a variety of educational opportunities and involvement that allows for the development of a well-rounded educational experience. I have no doubt that their strong leadership will guide us successfully into the coming years.”

“I also want to thank Dr. James S. Grant for his continued dedication,” Russell continued. “He has served TISD and this community for the past sixteen years and chose to go above and beyond in assuming the role of President during these last two years. TISD appreciates his leadership and commitment to public education and the students of our school district.”

Additionally, five Texas Middle School students were recognized for their State Level Recognition in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP).

Founded in 1980, the Duke TIP program is dedicated to the cultivation and education of talented youth. Each year, the program identifies academically promising 7th Graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or middle school. Candidates are then invited to take the SAT or the ACT as a 7th Grade student, which allows them greater insight into their academic abilities.

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Katherine Doan, Logan Foret, Antonio Lee, Nicholas Richter and Elliott Sonson qualified for State Recognition by scoring at or above the national average of high school junior or seniors who tested on at least one part of the SAT or the ACT. Because of their high scores, they will be invited to attend special state recognition ceremonies that will be held throughout Texas during the month of June.

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