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## **TISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES NAMES PAUL NORTON INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT AND LONE FINALIST**



**Texarkana, TX** – During a Thursday, June 2, 2011 called meeting of the Texarkana Independent School District Board of Trustees, members unanimously approved the naming of Paul Norton as Interim Superintendent and Lone Finalist for the District.

“The most important task that we as Board of Trustees have is to select a candidate who we believe and trust with our most valued possession – the students of TISD,” commented Wanda Boyette, Board President. “I could not be happier in placing the educational future of our students and TISD in the hands of Paul Norton. Our Board of Trustees has known Mr. Norton and watched him lead for the last ten years. We are confident that he understands the challenges and opportunities facing TISD and is well-prepared to assume the role of Superintendent, in order to sustain the district and lead us into the future.”

A lifelong resident of Texarkana, Paul Norton is a graduate of Pleasant Grove High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Texas Tech University, as well as a Master of Science in Education from Texas A&M University – Texarkana (TAMU-T) along with Principal and Superintendent Certifications.

Norton began his career in education in 1996 as a Teacher and Coach for Pleasant Grove Middle School. From there, he moved to Teacher and Coach of Pleasant Grove High School (PGHS) followed by Assistant Principal of PGHS.

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He came to the TISD Tiger Family in 2001 as Associate Principal of Texas High School (THS) and was named Principal of THS in 2003 where he has served since that time.

Norton taught as an Adjunct Professor for TAMU-T on Public School Management and Organization for students working toward their Principal Certification. In 2005, he was named the Region VIII High School Principal of the Year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals and in 2006 was honored as the Principal of the Year by the Volunteers in Public Schools.

While being a vital member of the TISD leadership team, Norton has presented key district programs to the Texas Education Agency School Improvement Conference, Texas Association of Secondary School Principals Conference and Texas Association of School Administrators Conference.

He has served the Texarkana community through his civic work as an American Red Cross volunteer, member of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce Membership Recruitment Committee, Texas A&M University – Texarkana Tuition Review Committee, American Heart Association Heart Ball Silent Auction Co-Chairman, Texarkana College Tight Lies Rising Star Open Pro-Am Team Recruitment Committee Chairman and American Cancer Society Golf Tournament Co-Chairman and Team Recruitment Chairman. Additionally, Norton is a member of the Wilbur Smith Rotary Club and the Texas A&M University – Texarkana Alumni Association having served as Secretary, President-Elect and President.

Professionally, Norton has been a member of Texas Association of Secondary School Principals since 1999 serving on their Board of Directors from 2005 to present and taking on the volunteer task of Assistant Coordinator and Coordinator for Region VIII. He has also been a member of National Association of Secondary School Principals since 2005.

Paul is married to Holly Norton and they have three children – Emily (8), Julia (4) and Caleb (1). They are active members of Fellowship Bible Church, where they lead a Community Group.

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