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**BOBBIE NICHOLS SELECTED
AS REGION VIII OUTSTANDING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**



Texarkana, TX – Bobbie Choate Nichols, Texas Middle School Assistant Principal has been selected to represent Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) as the Region VIII Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year.

TASSP recognizes outstanding principals and assistant principals from the twenty regional education service centers throughout the state. School administrators are nominated and chosen by their peers within their regions. Nominations are based upon exemplary performance and outstanding leadership. As a Region VIII winner, Mrs. Nichols is eligible to compete for the state title of the Texas Assistant Principal of the Year.

Mrs. Nichols has been with the TISD Tiger Family for 39 years. Over the years, she has served the students of Wake Village Elementary, Westlawn Junior High, 15th Street Elementary as a teacher of Physical Education, Science & Health and Coach. In 1998, she was named the Assistant Principal for Westlawn Intermediate and then continued her role as an Assistant Principal for Pine Street Middle School and Texas High School. In 2003, Mrs. Nichols took on the position of Associate Principal of Texas Middle School and has served in that capacity since.

“There is no one more deserving for this selection than Mrs. Nichols,” commented James Henry Russell, Superintendent of Schools. “She has graciously led our students and staff for many years and has the respect of the entire Tiger Family. There is no one that loves our students more or has more dedication to TISD than Bobbie Nichols.”

She holds a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Education from Southern Arkansas University and a Master’s Degree in Education from Texas A&M University – Texarkana. She is credited with numerous achievements including publications in Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development – *Classroom*, Texas Association for Secondary School Principals – *Texas Study of*

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Secondary Education, and the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education – *Journal of Interactive Learning Research*. She has made presentations for the National Council of Teachers of English, the Texas Association for Secondary School Principals, the National Art Education Association and for Texas A&M – Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Nichols is the daughter of Betty Choate and the late Alton “Hoot” Choate. She is married to Paul, a retired Teacher and Coach and they have two children – Dr. Kimberly LaPrairie, a Professor at Sam Houston State University – Huntsville and Casey Nichols, an Assistant Principal at Texas High School. They are blessed with two grandchildren – Landon and Lylli LaPrairie.

Regional winners will be recognized during the TASSP Summer Workshop - Texas Heroes Awards Dinner held in June 2010 in Austin, TX. Each will be presented with an award and recognized in a commemorative booklet entitled *Texas Principals, Texas Heroes*.

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