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**Region One ESC Selects School Board of the Year**  
*Valley View ISD Board of Trustees Takes Top Honor*

The Region One Education Service Center has announced the selection of the Valley View Independent School District's Board of Trustees as the 2018 Regional School Board of the Year. As a regional winner, Region One ESC will submit Valley View ISD's nomination in the Texas Association of School Administrators "Outstanding School Board of the Year" program. The program recognizes school boards across the state that have demonstrated outstanding dedication and rendered ethical service to the children of Texas.



Members of the nominated 2017-2018 Board of Trustees are Jose Antonio Rosillo, *President*; Noe Pruneda, *Vice-President*; Susana Arredono, *Secretary*; Ricardo Cortez, Jr., *Assistant Secretary*; Frank Jimenez, *Member*; Juan Pimentel, *Member*; Efrain Perez, *Member*.

The Valley View ISD Board of Directors "plays a unique role in each school's governance, vested with financial oversight and policy-making authority of district operations," according to the nomination essay. In addition to these responsibilities, the nominating essay recognizes that "the School Board supports learning in a context that is nurturing, yet challenging. They feel responsible for providing the best educational opportunities possible for the students of the district, a place that sparks the joy of learning in each student."

Nominations were submitted to the Region One Education Service Center and were reviewed by a committee of Region One school superintendents. The criteria used to evaluate nominated school boards include evidence of the board acting as a policy-making body, the board's adherence to adopted board policies, demonstrated support for educational performance of state-established standards and educational improvement projects, a commitment to a code of ethics, community awareness, maintenance of a harmonious and supportive relationship

Region One Education Service Center ([www.esc1.net](http://www.esc1.net)) serves over 433,000 students and educators in seven counties in south Texas including Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zapata counties. Region One works to assist school districts in improving student performance, assist districts to operate more efficiently and economically, and implement initiatives assigned by the legislature or the Commissioner of Education.

among board members, provision of financial support for the school system, professional development, and the placement of the welfare of children served by the school system above personal or political motives.

“The Valley View ISD Board of Trustees has demonstrated through its actions and leadership how a school board should effectively function within a school district. We congratulate the Valley View ISD School Board members on their receipt of this prestigious award, and are proud to have them represent the Region One area,” said Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Region One ESC Executive Director.

Five school boards from the state’s twenty service centers will be selected and recognized as *Texas Honor School Boards* by the Texas Association of School Administrators on August 10, 2018. The five boards will be interviewed by the TASA School Board Awards Committee and the winner of the *Texas Outstanding School Board* will be announced at the joint conference of the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards (TASA/TASB), on September 29, 2018, in Austin, Texas.

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