

**FORT SAM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT JOINT STATEMENT
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DR. GAIL SILLER**

Dr. Gail Siller has announced her retirement from service as an educator in the State of Texas and her resignation as Superintendent of Schools for the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District effective August 31, 2018. An Agreement has been reached which allows Dr. Siller the ability to pursue other interests and permits the Board to initiate the hiring of another Superintendent. The Board and Dr. Siller have entered into the Agreement believing it is in their respective best interests to do so. Dr. Siller leaves with 30 years of service to the Fort Sam Houston School District, 14 of which as Superintendent of Schools.

On behalf of the entire District, the Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Dr. Siller for her efforts while serving as Superintendent of this great school district and its wonderful students, parents and administrators. The District educates over 1550 children of active duty military personnel, and under Dr. Siller's direction and leadership the District has been recognized for its students' outstanding academic performance and its exemplary partnerships benefiting military families. Its primary focus is on inspiring students to their highest level of learning by providing engaging, challenging, and meaningful work for its students.

Under her leadership, the District was honored with the first H-E-B Award of Excellence for Small School District in Texas in 2007, which included \$50,000 in prize money. Additionally, the District was recognized by the international Military Child Education Coalition two years in a row with the Exemplary Partnership Award. This award, which included a monetary award of \$5,000, recognized outstanding partnerships in place between the Fort Sam Houston ISD and the Fort Sam Houston U.S. Army Installation. During her tenure as Superintendent, the five-member Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees was honored as a Regional Honor School Board (in 2010), and Dr. Siller earned Regional Superintendent of the Year recognition in 2012.

Fort Sam Houston ISD's vision promotes a quality education, where every student is a learner, every learner is a graduate, and every student is a success. Emphasizing the importance of hiring and retaining the best qualified employees who understand the military families the District serves, Dr. Siller has helped ensure students become lifelong learners who respect and honor individual differences, diversity, and talents. Numerous campus and district administrators, teachers, and para-professionals have been recognized for their contributions to education both locally, regionally and statewide. Prior to being named superintendent, Siller served as Fort Sam Houston ISD's Associate Superintendent. During her 41-year career in education, Dr. Siller has served as a central office administrator, high school administrator, high school assistant principal, department head, and secondary teacher, serving Richardson and North East ISDs prior to joining Fort Sam Houston ISD in 1987.

Dr. Siller thanks the present and past Boards of Trustee for providing her with the opportunity to serve in the Fort Sam Houston ISD. A school district is measured by the commitment of the Board, staff and community to its children and their achievement. This District is indeed so committed. Dr. Siller expresses her appreciation to the Board, staff, and community for their support of the District's programs and services during her term as Superintendent.

Success requires hard work, dedication, leadership and vision. The Board and Dr. Siller wish to acknowledge and recognize the teachers, principals, administrators, staff, students, parents and patrons who have all directly contributed to the District's success.

The Board greatly appreciates the dedicated service and leadership Dr. Siller provided to the District during her tenure as Superintendent, and extends its best wishes to Dr. Siller in her future endeavors.