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G-PISD School Board Trustee Nicole Nolen earns Master Trustee Designation from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)

Gregory-Portland ISD Trustee Nicole Nolen has earned the designation of Master Trustee following completion of Leadership TASB, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Nolen has served on the G-PISD School Board since May of 2021.

“I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to expand my knowledge and understanding about public education, governance, and advocacy,” said Nolen. “The friendships and network formed throughout this program will be valued for a lifetime – allowing me to better serve G-PISD and advocate for the needs of our students and community.”

Board President Tim Flinn and Vice President Carrie Gregory have also previously completed this training and are Master Trustees. “We are so very excited and proud of Nicole,” said Flinn. “She has been a phenomenal leader and has hit the ground running since she joined our ‘Team of 8’ at G-PISD three years ago. This is a great opportunity that TASB provides for school board members across the state, including her and for all of us to continue learning and to represent our school district to the best of our abilities.”

After the graduation ceremony on June 22nd, Leadership TASB honorees joined the ranks of more than 1,000 school board members statewide who are alumni of the program.

The 2024 Leadership TASB class, comprised of 33 school board members, represents Texas school districts of all sizes and property wealth. Participants who completed all required elements of the study program earned Master Trustee status – the highest designation recognized by TASB.

During the final session this summer, Trustees in the 2023-24 Leadership TASB Class made presentations of their team’s findings following yearlong research. The Leadership TASB class met in conjunction with TASB’s Summer Leadership Institute in Fort Worth. More than 1,000 new and veteran school leaders attended the Institute and received extensive training on every facet of effective board governance, heard keynote addresses from renowned education experts, and picked up valuable ideas from district showcases and networking opportunities.

TASB is a voluntary, nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school boards. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 5.5 million public school students.

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