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## **Plano ISD’s Paul Weaver Named State Counselor Supervisor to Honor His Commitment to Students and Counseling Profession**

**Plano, Texas (October 5, 2009)**— Paul Weaver, director of guidance and counseling for the Plano Independent School District, has been selected as the 2009 Counselor Supervisor of the Year by the Texas School Counselor Association (TSCA).

Committed to keeping students in the forefront of education, Mr. Weaver is a strong advocate for counselors and understands the critical role guidance plays in the development of students. In recognition of his dedication to education and extensive contributions to the counseling profession, Mr. Weaver will be honored on November 13 at the annual TSCA Professional Growth Conference in Dallas.

Mr. Weaver said, “I am honored and very excited to receive this award. Working for Plano ISD has allowed me to grow as an educator, a counselor and a director of counseling and guidance. Our district has high expectations for everyone, and this award is recognition of those high standards. I gladly accept it as a reflection of our school counselors and counseling program.”

As his supervisor, Dr. Cathy Galloway, executive director of student and family services, noted, “Paul’s expertise in the areas of academic planning and college admission is evidenced by his service at the national, state and local levels with the College Board and the National Association of College Admissions Counselors. He currently serves as a reader for the National Merit applications, is a member of the National Guidance Committee and was the chair of the Southwest Regional Council.”

Throughout his 23-year career in Plano ISD, Mr. Weaver has served as a counselor for elementary through senior high school students. He was appointed to the director’s position in July 2005. Mr. Weaver is actively involved with counseling issues, advocacy and public policy affecting students locally and nationally.

As a well-respected voice for counselors, Mr. Weaver has incorporated components in the Plano program to better serve families and students. His creative efforts have led to college curriculum being made available to all students from pre-kindergarten through the twelfth grade. At the middle school level, students and their parents participate in academic conferences to plan their future goals.

As a district leader, Mr. Weaver works to build capacity in others. He is an advocate for counselors as they strive to take Plano ISD to new levels of excellence.

Dr. Galloway also remarked, “Through his diligence, Mr. Weaver has established himself as a national expert on college readiness. He is a tireless leader for the approximately 150 counselors serving the students and families in Plano ISD. He has worked to establish community connections for our families to access much needed resources including food, clothing, shelter and mental health services.”

Dr. Galloway added, “Mr. Weaver is tireless in his crisis response. He responds to every counselor during the day who is dealing with difficult issues. He always offers his support to those on the front line.”

Working closely with the human resources department, Mr. Weaver endeavors to identify the best counselors for Plano ISD students.

Along with distinguished credentials, Mr. Weaver has earned a number of honors including the 2000 TSCA Counselor of the Year, 2003 Special Advanced Placement Recognition Award from the Southwestern Region College Board and election to the 2004 National Guidance and Admission Assembly for the College Board.

Mr. Weaver is currently a doctoral student at Texas A&M in Commerce, Texas. Other degrees include two Master of Science degrees from East Texas State University with majors in counseling and guidance and in secondary education supervision and curriculum.

#### **About Plano Independent School District**

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) – <http://www.pisd.edu/> – endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. The mission of Plano ISD is to provide an excellent education for all students. Plano ISD is located twenty miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs 7,000 faculty and staff members who serve more than 54,000 students in sixty-seven schools, three special programs including Head Start, and eleven service facilities. Participating in Plano ISD schools enables students to adapt to new learning opportunities throughout their lives, collaborate with, and contribute to, the global community and to be creative and disciplined in their thinking.

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