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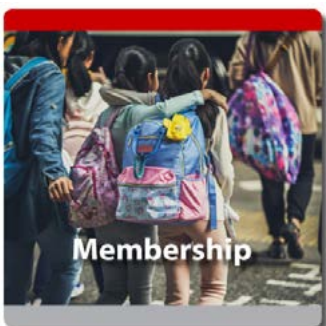


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The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals is an association formed by and for campus level administrators. Established in 1923, its purpose is to build an active network of educators that want to take responsibility for the quality of school leadership. TASSP focuses on the need for collaboration between all stakeholders in education while using as its foundation a very effective volunteer force that provides a statewide knowledge base and informed leadership.

It is the intent of the organization that we honor our motto, "Above All, Students First," in all that we do.

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Letter from the President

**Dr. Lee Vi Moses**

Principal, Rogers High School  
Rogers ISD

**M**y name is Lee Vi Moses, and I am proud to serve as the President of TASSP for the 2023-24 school year. I am writing to remind you and encourage your membership in the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals. TASSP is as strong as ever, 100 years strong to be exact, but we are only as strong as our members who choose to join. Please consider joining the largest principal organizations in the state and country.

My TASSP story began in 2008, where as an assistant principal, I was “signed up” as a member of the association by my principal. I thought my job as an assistant principal was to run the school. You know, on campus every day, take care of the book room, ensure discipline was tight, and the buses ran on time. I never took time for professional development and fellowship with other principals. Since becoming an “active member,” I have been able to meet other principals, share stories, and network with other professionals who share common goals.

One common goal we have now in this legislative season is to advocate for our public school profession. To quote my good friend’s blog, Todd Bloomer, principal at Winston Churchill High School in North East ISD, “As school leaders, we now have a new frontier that we are obligated to go and we may have never gone there before. The next step is advocacy. This includes reaching out and making sure our voices are heard at the local and state levels with our elected officials. While you have to protect yourself within district guidelines and policies, you are a citizen that is allowed to speak to elected officials.” He is absolutely right! We must be in contact with our legislators and telling our story and the wonderful things happening in our hallways and classrooms. If we do not tell our story, it is being made up for each of us on social media and in the news. If we mobilized our teachers and created a culture of voting, public educators could rule at the polls.

If you would like to subscribe to Todd’s Blog, send him an email at [tbloom@neisd.net](mailto:tbloom@neisd.net) or [Click Here](#). He sends it out on Sunday evenings and is a good way to start your week.

Keep up the good work; keep having the courage to do the most important job in the world and Above All, Students First.

Lee Vi Moses  
Rogers High School, Principal, TASSP President

# Executive Director's Letter



From the desk of the  
Executive Director  
**Archie E. McAfee**

## Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year and to the 100th Anniversary of TASSP!

**W**ith the beginning of each new school year comes a renewed commitment on the part of students, teachers and administrators to make this the best school year so far. Goals that were not achieved the previous year are remembered with a new focus and renewed enthusiasm. Having the opportunity to begin fresh each school year with great aspirations is one of the unique aspects of the school culture.

I want to use that scenario as a backdrop to my comments in this issue of the *TASSP News Highlights* – we too want this year to be the best yet for TASSP as we celebrate our 100-year anniversary! The most important ingredient that will determine the success of the association this year is you and your willingness to be involved.

We have all heard the adage, “If you want to get something out, you’ve got to put something in.” Your professional administrator’s association operates from that same principle. The members who seem to gain the most from TASSP are the same ones who put the most into their association through active participation. Some of the ways in which you can serve the association and in return reap the benefits are:

- Become active at the regional level by participating/volunteering to host the regional TASSP meeting in either the Fall or Spring.
- Serve as a presenter, facilitator, or ambassador at the TASSP Summer Workshop.
- Write and submit an article to be published in the Fall or Spring issue of the Texas Study of Secondary Education.
- Promote an active Student Council and TAFE Chapter in your school.
- Serve as a member of the TASSP Board of Directors.
- Volunteer to serve as the Assistant Regional Coordinator and

- serve as a member of the statewide membership committee.
- Serve as a School District Membership Coordinator.
- Serve on one of the thirteen TASSP standing committees.
- Recognize the successes of other administrators through the Outstanding Principal/Assistant Principal program.
- Recruit new members and serve as a mentor for those new to the profession.
- Make personal contact with legislators and other elected officials and keep them informed of the wonderful things you are doing to help your students to be more successful. Use the interim legislative session to establish relationships with your State Representatives and State Senators by involving them in your school.
- Involve other community members in the “Principal for a Day” program as part of an ongoing effort to showcase the significant role of the principals in Texas.
- Be an active participant in the National Association of Secondary School Principals.
- Attend the professional development workshops and conferences conducted by TASSP.

As this new school year begins, let me encourage you now to make a commitment to take the time throughout the year to become more involved in TASSP. Through your active participation you will put more in, but you will also get more out.

Best wishes for a most successful school year with your students, and for a most rewarding year of participation in TASSP. Remember our Motto: *“Above All, Students First.”*

Archie E. McAfee, TASSP Executive Director

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# Ask A Lawyer



**WALSH GALLEGOS**  
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*Jim “Law Dawg” Walsh, attorney, provides answers to questions from principals in this column, which is a regular TASSP feature. This column is not intended to constitute legal advice or to substitute for a principal’s need to consult his or her school district’s own attorney regarding answers to legal questions.*

A RECENT ENTRY FROM THE “DAILY DAWG”

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## The other part of the Tinker Test...

Loyal Daily Dawg Readers are well aware of the Tinker Test. Students have the right of free speech that can be infringed by school authorities if there is a “reasonable forecast” of a “material and substantial disruption” of school. But that’s only the first and most well-known part of the Tinker Test. Today we explore a case that examines the second part.

It happened in May, 2019 in Clovis, California. Andy Castro, scheduled to graduate that day, posted a tweet on Twitter that featured a picture of another graduate with a single word caption. That word was the N-word. Another student alerted the principal. The principal called young Mr. Castro and his parents in for a discussion and concluded that Andy would not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony that night. The principal gave him his diploma.

Andy sued, claiming that this was an infringement of his constitutional right of free speech.

Nope. The court held that the principal acted properly when she barred the student from graduation exercises. What makes the case particularly interesting is that the court held that the school failed the first part of the Tinker Test, but passed the second part. We don’t have many cases that rely on the second part of the Tinker Test, so let me explain.

**TINKER TEST: PART ONE.** The court held that the district did not produce evidence that a “material and substantial” disruption of the graduation program was foreseeable. I suspect that if this case had gone to a full trial the school would have been able to produce that evidence. But the case was decided based on the district’s Motion for Summary Judgment, with little actual evidence. The court noted that the only evidence was the statement by the principal that “based upon her professional background and experience, she believed that Plaintiff’s tweet would cause a disruption....” Intuition based on “professional

background and experience” is not evidence of disruption. So the school failed Part One.

**TINKER TEST: PART TWO.** The often overlooked second part of the Tinker Test allows schools to restrict or infringe on student expression if “the speech collides with the rights of other students to be secure and to be let alone.” Notice that this test does not require a big disruption of the school day. Moreover, it can involve a “collision” with the rights of a single student. The plaintiff minimized the harm his tweet caused by arguing that it interfered with the rights of only one student. To which the court responded: one is enough. Reviewing earlier cases the court cited this standard:

Whatever the outer boundary might be of Tinker’s interference inquiry, the cases establish that students have the right to be free of online posts that denigrate their race, ethnicity or physical appearance, or threaten violence. They have an equivalent right to enjoy an education in a civil, secure and safe school environment.

The court quickly disposed of Andy’s “due process” claim, noting that 1) he had plenty of notice that racial slurs were not ok, and that “walking” at graduation was a privilege that could be lost; and 2) he had his opportunity to tell his side of the story. He did not handle that opportunity well. The principal asked him to delete the tweet to which he responded “you can’t make me delete it. It’s my right.”

No. It wasn’t his right. And so, on his graduation day, Andy learned a final lesson. There are limits to his free speech rights. It’s *Castro v. Clovis USD*, decided by the federal court for the Eastern District of California on May 24, 2022. It’s cited at 604 F.Supp.3d 944.

**DAWG BONE: EDUCATION CONTINUES RIGHT UP TO GRADUATION DAY.**

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Join Rubén G. Perez, Sean Cain, Dr. Mike Laird, Josh Tovar, Lesa Cain, Sherilyn Cotten and the Lead Your School team in this essential training! Also featuring various schools sharing hands-on application using the Fundamental 5 processes on their campuses. Register today!

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## Sunday, October 1st

12:00 Noon – 5:00 PM | Registration at the Hilton Austin Airport

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM | Welcome and Opening Session with Rubén Perez

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM | SET 1 - Breakout Sessions with Presenters:

- Sean Cain, Coach, Lead Your School
- James Cline, Director, Galena Park ISD
- Jerimain Matthew, Assistant Principal, Tompkins HS, Katy ISD
- Brandi Corbin, Principal, Fairdale HS, Jefferson County Public Schools
- Josh Tovar, Principal, Memorial Pathway Academy, Garland ISD
- Monica Miller, Principal, Liberty Hill MS, Liberty Hill ISD

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | SET 2 - Breakout Sessions Repeat of Set 1



Rubén G. Perez



Sean Cain



Dr. Mike Laird

## Monday, October 2nd

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM | Coffee Service

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | General Session with Sean Cain

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM | SET 3 - Breakout Sessions with Presenters:

- Ruben Pérez, Ruben Speaks
- Sherilynn Cotton, Coach, Lead Your School
- Tracy Dennis, School Improvement Specialist, ESC 2
- Ranesia Davenport Edwards, Assoc. Principal, Eisenhower HS, Aldine ISD
- Meghan McMurrey, Morton Ranch Jr. HS, Katy ISD
- Alison Seilheimer, Dean of Instruction, Brenham Jr. HS, Brenham ISD

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | SET 4 - Breakout Sessions Repeat of Set 3

12:00 PM – 12:45 PM | Lunch Provided

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | SET 5 - Breakout Sessions with Presenters:

- Terry Clappsaddle, Coach, Lead Your School
- Dr. Tricia Tsang, Assistant Principal, Rhoads ES, Katy ISD
- Cynthia Retana, Director, Ector County ISD
- Cattani Frye, Assistant Principal, Baytown Jr. HS, Goose Creek CISD
- Sandy Rodriguez, Morton Ranch Jr. HS, Katy ISD
- Dr. Mike Laird, Coach, Lead Your School

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM | SET 6 - Breakout Sessions Repeat of Set 5

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | Planning Session: Work with the LYS Coaches

# Texas Association of Secondary School Principals

## Membership Classifications 2023-2024



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# JOIN TASSP TODAY

Membership Type	Benefits	Cost
<b>TASSP Active Membership</b>	Limited to individuals actively engaged in secondary school administration. Includes \$1,000,000 professional liability insurance, subscriptions to TASSP News Highlights, Texas Study of Secondary Education and special publications; reduced registration fees for annual summer workshop; e-mail/internet access to topics of interest; job placement service; and answers to individual inquiries on administrative and legal questions. Membership non-transferable.	<b>\$270</b>
<b>NASSP Individual Membership</b>	Open to principals, assistant principals, and other school administrators. Comprehensive professional development resources such as on-site seminars, convenient online webinars, and customizable programs brought right to your school; Exclusive publications and email newsletters to keep you up to date on the latest research, issues, and best practices; Discounts on attendance to professional development events such as our annual national conference, where you will expand your network and connect with renowned education leaders; and Up to \$2 million in professional liability coverage for damages arising from professional liability acts or omissions and legal fee reimbursement should you be threatened with the loss of your position or other job-related benefits contrary to due process.	<b>\$250</b>
<b>TASSP Associate Membership</b>	Available to those in non-administrative positions or others interested and involved in secondary education. Includes all the TASSP Active Member services except professional liability insurance.	<b>\$150</b>
<b>NASSP Associate Membership</b>	Associate membership is nontransferable and is open to superintendents, district personnel, department heads, teachers, aspiring leaders, graduate students, professors, and other non-administrators.	<b>\$85</b>
<b>TASSP Retired Membership (Lifetime)</b>	Available to individuals who were active or associate members before they retired. Includes all TASSP Active Member services except professional liability insurance.	<b>\$100</b>
<b>NASSP Retired</b>	Only open to individuals who have been members of NASSP in the past.	<b>\$50</b>

To JOIN, go to the TASSP website ([www.tassp.org](http://www.tassp.org)) and click on the "Join/Renew" section on the main menu bar. If you are new to TASSP, enter an email address under the "New Users" section and click on "Register." If you are renewing your membership with TASSP, enter your username and password and click "Login." If you don't remember your login information, there are links to provide assistance. If you are uncertain about what category would fit your job description in the best way, please call 512-443-2100.

Stay actively engaged with TASSP as a volunteer. Your involvement makes TASSP a better and stronger association! Volunteer forms are on the "About Us" page at [www.tassp.org](http://www.tassp.org).



# **Texas Association of Secondary School Principals**

## **Summary of Professional Liability Insurance Coverage**

### **2023-2024**

#### **Coverage A – Educators Liability Insurance**

\$1,000,000 Per Insured, Per Occurrence  
\$3,000,000 Per Occurrence

#### **Coverage A – Punitive or Exemplary Damages**

\$10,000 Each Claim

#### **Coverage B – Reimbursement of Attorney Fees**

- ◆ \$15,000 Per Claim, Per Insured for:  
Professional Rights Action or Proceeding  
Credential Action or Proceeding  
Civil Rights Violation Action or Proceeding  
Appraisal or Career Laddler Action or Proceeding
- ◆ \$5,000 Reimbursement Limit Without Regard to Final Judgment  
for dismissal, termination, or non-renewal of a probationary contract
- ◆ \$1,000 Reimbursement Limit Without Regard to Final Judgment  
for all other Professional Rights issues and Credential Action or Proceeding
- ◆ \$5,000 Per Claim, Per Insured for Criminal or Sexual Misconduct Action or Proceeding
  - ◆ \$10,000 Annual Aggregate Per Insured, all CLAIMS  
under Criminal or Sexual Misconduct Actions or Proceedings
  - ◆ \$1,000,000 Annual Aggregate, all CLAIMS under Coverage B

#### **Coverage C – Bail Bonds**

\$1,000 Per Bail Bond, Per Insured

#### **Coverage – Reimbursement of Attorney Fees for Identity Theft**

\$80,000 Per Insured, Per Policy Period  
Subject to Coverage B Annual Aggregate, all CLAIMS

#### **Coverage – Assault Related Personal Property Damage**

\$2,500 Per Assault

# Texas Association of Secondary School Principals

## Comparison of Revenues and Expenses with Budget

For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2022

2021-2022 REVENUES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
PRINCIPALS' SUMMER WORKSHOP	\$806,866.00	\$722,705.00	84,161.00
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' WORKSHOP	68,030.00	69,080.00	(1,050.00)
NEW PRINCIPAL ACADEMY	34,565.00	32,875.00	1,690.00
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	2,880.00	6,400.00	(3,520.00)
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	55,085.00	26,663.00	28,422.00
MAKING MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTER	65,100.00	63,575.00	1,525.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	1,474,481.01	1,312,500.00	161,981.01
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	658.13	3,950.00	(3,291.87)
PARTNERSHIP INCOME	283,555.70	198,000.00	85,555.70
TEXAS STUDY OF SECONDARY EDUCATION	1,762.50	2,400.00	(637.50)
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	267,000.00	267,000.00	0.00
INTEREST	16,084.28	35,500.00	(19,415.72)
MISCELLANEOUS	750.00	400.00	350.00
UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	(43,176.76)	0.00	(43,176.76)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,033,640.86</b>	<b>2,741,048.00</b>	<b>292,592.86</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
PRINCIPALS' SUMMER WORKSHOP	429,843.31	360,475.00	69,368.31
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' WORKSHOP	52,501.07	47,000.00	5,501.07
NEW PRINCIPAL ACADEMY	27,673.97	29,800.00	(2,126.03)
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	3,074.30	5,500.00	(2,425.70)
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	30,655.30	16,750.00	13,905.30
MAKING MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTER	58,410.63	48,250.00	10,160.63
TEXAS SCHOOLS TO WATCH	15,799.36	20,000.00	(4,200.64)
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	938.98	3,773.00	(2,834.02)
MEMBER LIABILITY INSURANCE	253,456.83	207,900.00	45,556.83
PRINTING	25,821.49	19,250.00	6,571.49
POSTAGE	10,271.70	6,400.00	3,871.70
COMMITTEE	37,540.91	58,275.00	(20,734.09)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	68,768.90	73,000.00	(4,231.10)
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	61,948.53	45,800.00	16,148.53
RECOGNITION PROGRAMS	57,503.75	67,435.00	(9,931.25)
DISTRICT REBATES/MAILINGS	500.00	500.00	0.00
EXECUTIVE OFFICER TRAVEL	18,632.13	45,000.00	(26,367.87)
STAFF TRAVEL	30,797.14	42,500.00	(11,702.86)
LEGISLATIVE	2,000.00	1,750.00	250.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	7,763.34	1,500.00	6,263.34
MISCELLANEOUS	14,906.63	6,000.00	8,906.63
BANK CHARGES	28,710.08	21,500.00	7,210.08
MARKETING	4,011.11	5,250.00	(1,238.89)
STAFF SALARY	1,097,463.35	1,139,750.00	(42,286.65)
STAFF INSURANCE	178,016.54	192,500.00	(14,483.46)
STAFF PAYROLL TAXES	81,297.67	84,500.00	(3,202.33)
STAFF RETIREMENT	66,953.47	91,250.00	(24,296.53)
BUILDING & GROUNDS	12,272.94	12,100.00	172.94
EQUIPMENT	15,428.29	13,200.00	2,228.29
UTILITIES	14,009.38	15,550.00	(1,540.62)
TECHNOLOGY	13,463.82	11,600.00	1,863.82
INSURANCE	14,604.20	16,275.00	(1,670.80)
PROPERTY TAXES	9,333.56	10,000.00	(666.44)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,744,372.68</b>	<b>2,720,333.00</b>	<b>24,039.68</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$289,268.18</b>	<b>\$20,715.00</b>	<b>268,553.18</b>





## U.S. Senate Youth Application: Nominate a Great Student!

The [United States Senate Youth Program](#), established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution, is a unique educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service.

Two students from each state will be selected to attend the weeklong Government and Education Leadership program in Washington D.C., and each will receive a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship. Students must attend the entirety of the program to receive the scholarship.

The Texas United States Senate Youth Program is for high school students who demonstrate leadership and an interest in government. Students must be a junior or senior in High School. Interested students must be nominated by the high school principal and/or student council advisor. Interested students should inform their principal or student council advisor that they are interested in applying to the Texas US Senate Youth Program. Two high school juniors or seniors from Texas who hold elected or appointed positions of leadership are selected by the State Commissioner of Education to participate in the Senate Youth Program. This is a highly selective program; any student nominated should be an extremely strong leader with strong communication and interpersonal skills, the initiative to respond to group needs, above-average intelligence, and a great desire to participate in the American democratic processes.



Principals and Student Council Advisors are asked to jointly nominate their most outstanding student to be considered by a state committee from the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals for nomination as a candidate for this program. Only one application per school will be accepted. Final decisions regarding nominations are subject to the judgement and verification of the state selection administrators.

Texas students must submit the completed application and supporting documentation to [TASSP/TASC by October 6, 2023](#). The primary purposes of the qualifying leadership position must be a representation of a constituency and service to others. A student who graduates high school at the close of the fall semester/quarter is not eligible to apply for the program. Only one application per school will be accepted. See the USSYP Brochure and 2023-2024 Texas application for qualifications and submission requirements.

[2023-2024 Texas Application for U.S. Senate Youth Program »](#)

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# TASSP Awards and Recognition

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## **Frank R. Kemerer Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding social studies teacher at the high school level. The award is named for Dr. Frank Kemerer, longtime professor in the Education Department at the University of North Texas. Dr. Kemerer's teaching and writing consistently displayed a level of scholarship and professionalism that set a high standard for his students, many of whom now serve as teachers or administrators in Texas public schools.

Nominees for the Frank R. Kemerer Award must have at least five years teaching experience in social studies at the secondary level in Texas public schools and must be nominated by their high school principal and endorsed by the superintendent. The application for the award must be completed and sent to TASSP by February 1, 2024.

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## **Eddie G. Bull Professional Development Scholarship**

The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals seeks to recognize exemplary performance among beginning campus level administrators in Texas and to provide the support needed to promote quality leadership in secondary education. The Eddie G. Bull Professional Development Scholarship will be awarded at the annual TASSP Summer Workshop held in Austin, Texas. Nominations for the award must be submitted by the individual applicant. The application for the award must be completed and sent to TASSP by February 1, 2024.

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## **Outstanding Secondary School Principals and Assistant Principals Awards**

TASSP recognizes outstanding principals and assistant principals from the twenty regional education service centers in the state each year. School administrators are nominated and chosen by their peers within their regions and then applications from these recipients are reviewed by the TASSP Principal Image Committee who selects the finalists for the State award. Nominations are based upon exemplary performance and outstanding leadership in secondary education.

The Annual Outstanding Principal/Assistant Principal Awards are presented each summer during the TASSP Summer Workshop held in Austin, Texas. Nominations for the award can be submitted by colleagues, parents, students or self-submitted.

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## **Academic Excellence Award for Students**

The TASSP Academic Excellence Recognition Program was established to honor and recognize high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in areas of academic achievement, test scores and writing skills. The program will recognize twenty graduating Texas seniors with an unrestricted scholarship of \$500. Thirty finalists will be recognized locally with plaques donated by Jostens. Deadline is March 8, 2024

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## **Teens Serving Texas Awards for Students**

TASSP and its members recognize that students' achievements often go beyond academic accomplishments. The TASSP Teens Serving Texas Recognition Program was established to honor and recognize high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in areas of community service, leadership and personal accomplishment through unique endeavors, obstacles overcome or special talents. The program will recognize five graduating Texas seniors with an unrestricted scholarship of \$500. Twenty five finalists will be recognized locally with plaques provided by TASSP. Deadline is March 8, 2024

# TASSP News

## Nominations Open for TASSP Executive Board

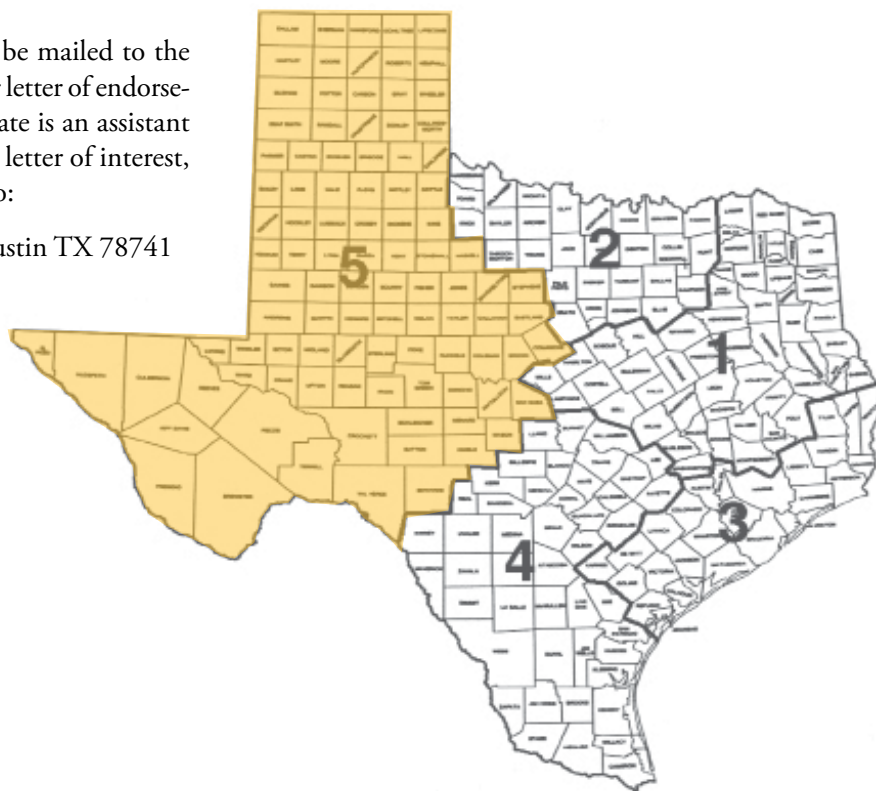
### Vacancy for TASSP Second Vice-President

TASSP officers are nominated each year by the TASSP Nominating Committee. The composition of the Nominating Committee is determined per Board policy with the committee including a member from each of the 5 areas as shown below. The policy provides for the rotation of the nominee for the Second Vice-President from these regions and from certain segments of TASSP membership. **For 2024, the Second Vice-President must come from a Jr. High/Middle School located in TASSP Area 5 which includes TASSP Regions 14 - 19.** The TASSP constitution states, "The nominee shall have been a member of TASSP for at least three years and shall have at least three years of experience as a secondary school principal or assistant principal."

Letters of interest for 2nd Vice-President should be mailed to the Executive Director and must include a statement or letter of endorsement from the Superintendent, and if the candidate is an assistant principal, the building principal. Six copies of the letter of interest, resume and supportive materials should be sent to:

Archie E. McAfee, TASSP, 1833 South IH-35, Austin TX 78741

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# 2023-2024 TASSP Region Principals and Assistant Principal of the Year

## Thank You & Congratulations!

Congratulations to the TASSP Region Principals and Assistant Principal of the Year. The TASSP Principal Image Committee conducted interviews with each candidate and selected the individuals listed below for these prestigious awards. These Outstanding Texas Administrators will be honored at the 2024 Summer Workshop.

### Region 1

Jessica C. Salazar • High School POY at United High School  
Gilbert Moreno • Middle School POY at Trautman Middle School  
Gilbert Cardenas • High School APOY at Alexander High School  
Araceli Martinez • Middle School APOY at United Middle School

### Region 2

Gil Salazar, Jr. • High School POY at Orange Grove High School  
Melanie Arias • Middle School POY at Tulso-Midway Middle School  
Tamara Ritchie • High School APOY at Veterans Memorial High School  
Dr. Katherine Diane Teran • MS APOY at Cunningham MS @ S. Park

### Region 3

Justin Gabrysch • High School POY at Victoria East High School  
Brandon Karl • Middle School POY at Industrial Jr. High School  
Sarah Bradley • High School APOY at Edna High School  
Leah Graves • Middle School APOY at Palacios Middle School

### Region 4

Kenneth Brantley II • High School POY at Wisdom High School  
Cheryl Roberts • High School APOY at Brazoswood High School

### Region 5

Vanessa Bennett • High School POY at Deweyville High School  
Aaron Herrington • Middle School POY at Vider Jr. High School  
Velvet Malbrough • High School APOY at Beaumont Pathways  
Brenda Brevell • Middle School APOY at Groves Middle School

### Region 6

Cesar Condarco • High School POY at Porter High School  
Brad Milam • High School APOY at Caney Creek High School

### Region 7

Lonnie Henry • High School POY at Harmony High School  
William Ripley • Middle School POY at Whitehouse Jr. High School  
Kyle Wright • High School APOY at Lindale High School  
David Chatterton • Middle School APOY at Union Grove Jr. High School

### Region 8

Tonya Briggs • High School POY at Pewitt High School  
Jakeb Goff • Middle School POY at Liberty-Eylau Middle School  
Nathanael Carter • High School APOY at Atlanta High School  
Amy Adkins • Middle School APOY at Paris Jr. High School

### Region 9

Adam Arredondo • High School POY at Seymour High School  
Peter Braveboy • Middle School POY at Barwise Middle School  
Sarah Taylor • High School APOY at Iowa Park High School  
Brenda De Leon • Middle School APOY at Barwise Middle School

### Region 10

Charles Ryan • High School POY at Community High School  
Angelee Morales • Middle School POY at Ouida Baley Middle School  
Josh Greenwood • High School APOY at McKinney North  
Meghan Coates • Middle School APOY at Highland Park Middle School

### Region 11

Hillary Terry • High School POY at Valley View High School  
Michael Martinak • Middle School POY at Bedford Jr. High School  
Teresa Moore • High School APOY at Azle High School  
Kendra Sanders • Middle School APOY at Kerr Middle School

### Region 12

Ben Smith • High School POY at Belton High School  
Jennifer Allison • Middle School POY at Lorena Middle School  
Haily Rambo • High School APOY at China Spring High School  
Karen Ewton • Middle School APOY at Salado Middle School

### Region 13

Michael Grebb • High School POY at Hendrickson High School  
Mike Colvin • Middle School POY at Comfort Middle School  
Wendell Mills • High School APOY at Vista Ridge High School

### Region 14

Lyndsey Williams • High School POY at Cooper High School  
Chad Drake • Middle School POY at Mann Middle School  
Heath Wright • High School APOY at Abilene High School  
Meredith Ware • Middle School APOY at Craig Middle School

### Region 15

Ryan Snowden • High School POY at Wall High School  
Tambra Hollway • High School APOY at Christoval High School

### Region 16

Brett Beesley • High School POY at Tascosa High School  
Kristy White • Middle School POY at Farwell Jr High School  
Brandi Ray • High School APOY at Tascosa High School  
Tiffany Lee • Middle School APOY at Canyon Jr. High School

### Region 17

Jerry Estrada • High School POY at Idalou High School  
Cary Short • Middle School POY at New Deal Middle School  
Kelsey Taylor • High School APOY at Frenship 9th Grade Center  
Scott Swindoll • Middle School APOY at Terra Vista Middle School

### Region 18

Kittie Gibson • High School POY at Wink High School  
Lori Haltom • Middle School POY at Goddard Jr. High School  
Lena Thompson • High School APOY at Legacy High School  
Robin Wilkie • Middle School APOY at Rankin High School

### Region 19

Cyndi Ponce • High School POY at Austin High School  
Dr. Angela Reyna • Middle School POY at Parkland Pre-Engineering  
Erica Olivas • High School APOY at Socorro High School  
Luz Daniela Palmer • Middle School APOY at Ensor Middle School

### Region 20

Shelby Balsler • High School POY at Tivy High School  
Jason X. Herrera • Middle School POY at Eisenhower Middle School  
Humberto (Beto) Torres • High School APOY at Uvalde High School  
Samantha Canales • Middle School APOY at Eisenhower Middle School



# Principal Points

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## KUDOS! – 88th Texas Legislature – Looking ahead to the 2024 Summer Workshop!

Here we are again! The start of another year filled with excitement and anticipation of the great things in store for our students, families, and communities! Serving as a Principal or Assistant Principal at any campus in the state of Texas is an awesome responsibility, and one that comes with countless decisions that impact the children entrusted to each of you.

Congratulations are in order for the outstanding results just released by TEA on the 2023 STAAR tests. Schools across the state of Texas held strong and many, many gains were made with students that should be applauded and recognized! This could not have been accomplished without great leadership at our campuses across the state! A big shout out to students, teachers, and campus leaders for this success!!

As everyone knows, the 88th Texas Legislature met this past spring and passed new legislation that will have an impact on our public schools all across the state. Even though the legislature had a budget surplus to work with, their disagreeing and battles with each other left many issues unresolved. Vouchers were a big issue, and Governor Abbott has promised a special session sometime this fall to address his concern for a voucher program in our state. Stay tuned!

A few of the major bills signed into law include HB 3 which brings major changes to school safety. Part of this bill requires school districts to have armed security at every campus. There was an increase given to the security allotment with this bill, but it seems as if it wasn't near enough to cover this mandate.

What seems to be a positive move from the legislature was the passage of HB 1416. This bill was a remedy for HB 4545 from the 87th Session. It offers relief to districts and campuses in meeting the previous requirements that were difficult to fulfill.

HB 1605, HB 1926, HB 900, and HB 3803 are all related to parental rights. This was a major push by Governor Abbott and these bills will have impact on the public schools. To see all the bills that survived the session, use the link below:

<https://www.tassp.org/final-bills-for-legislative-88>

I want to thank the TASSP Legislative Committee, and Chair Alison Smith, Principal of Midway High School for the work

that they involved themselves in this session. They are all exceptional leaders, and their involvement was greatly appreciated!

Also, a big thanks to Raise Your Hand Texas and the leadership of Senior Director of Policy, Mr. Bob Popinski! Bob met with the TASSP Legislative Committee every month of the session and provided valuable insight on all the bills that were proposed. Also, a big thanks to Mr. Max Rombado of RYHT as well. Max serves as the RYHT Legislative Director and met with our committee on a couple of occasions. To see the RYHT update on the 88th Legislative Session, just [CLICK HERE](#)

And finally, a big thanks to former TASSP Executive Director Mr. Julian Shaddix. Mr. Shaddix is responsible for tracking all education related bills and keeping the committee informed on legislative action. Thanks Julian!

Our good friend, Dr. Todd Whitaker, has written several books that are designed to help administrators and teachers know what to do in a variety of situations. One of these books “What Great Principals Do Differently” is regarded in many circles as a “must read” and is dedicated to the principals out there who make a difference every single day!

As you start this new year, here are just a few of the points that Dr. Whitaker mentions about great principals in his book:

- 1) It's People, Not Programs
- 2) Leadership is Not an Event
- 3) Base Every Decision on Your Best Teachers

We look forward to having Dr. Whitaker as a keynote speaker for the 2024 TASSP Summer Workshop in Austin. It will be an honor to have him in our presence and to share with us his expertise and knowledge on the principalship.

Everyone here at TASSP wants you to have the very best year you've ever experienced. If we can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Just know, you are so appreciated!!!

Work Cited:

Whitaker, T. (2020). *What Great Principals Do Differently: Twenty Things That Matter Most*. Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.



# Middle School Matters

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**A**nother exciting school year is well under way, and you are to be commended for your commitment to all our students across the state! Your unyielding dedication, perseverance, and relentless efforts to ensure that your students, in essence your kids, for the next school year are healthy, happy, and learning new and exciting things every day. I would like to thank you for all that you do, knowing firsthand of the many things that often go unnoticed! We here at TASSP are available to assist you with your professional development needs so please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

Wishing you all a GREAT fall semester!

*Reminder: We have our Fundamental 5 National Summit happening Oct. 1-2, 2023, here in Austin and there's still time to register for this national event.*

## 2022-2023 Texas Schools to Watch®

### Newly Designated 2023 Texas Middle Schools to Watch Campuses:

Lincoln Middle School, Joe Gander Principal, San Angelo ISD- Newly Designated  
Marshall Kendrick Middle School, Melissa Messenger Principal, Pasadena ISD- Newly Designated  
Salvador H. Sanchez Middle School, Lisa Estrada-Baston Principal, Socorro ISD- Newly Designated

### Congratulations to the Redesignated 2023 Texas Schools to Watch:

Atlanta Middle School, Colby Boyce Principal, Atlanta ISD- 1st  
Colleyville Middle School, David Arencebia Principal, Grapevine ISD- 1st  
Fred Roberts Middle School, Citlali Guerrero Principal, Pasadena ISD- 1st  
Ft. Settlement Middle School, Dr. Jennifer Williams Principal, Fort Bend ISD- 1st  
Haltom Middle School, Tim Drysdale Principal, Birdville ISD- 1st  
Ricardo Estrada Middle School, Alejandra Briseno-Sanchez Principal, Clint ISD- 1st  
Rogers Middle School, Ajunta Tomas Principal, Pearland ISD- 1st  
Harwood Jr. High, Toby Givens Principal, Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD- 2nd  
Melillo Middle School, Diane Wheeler Principal, Pasadena ISD- 2nd  
Sharyland North Jr. High, Ivan Karr Principal, Sharyland ISD- 2nd  
Beverly Hills Intermediate, Stacy Barber Principal, Pasadena ISD- 3rd  
Lone Oak Middle School, Dr. Shannon Wilhite Principal, Lone Oak ISD- 4th

### Congratulations and Thanks to all of the Texas Schools to Watch!

**We are already underway reviewing the new applications for 2023-2024 school year!**

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- FEATURING: DOCUMENTATION TRAINING: (Additional fee for this training) With Zach Hobbs, TASB.
- LEGAL ISSUES FOR THE A.P. 2024: With Jim Walsh, The Law Dawg, Walsh Gallegos Treviño Kyle & Robinson P.C. This session will cover student discipline, special education, 504, liability and other concerns that are practical and relevant.
- Excellent keynotes and breakout session speakers and trainings from experts in all areas of education including: Jimmy Casas, Dr. Jenny Severson, John Fessenden, Sean Cain, Dr. Herb Cox, Dr. Courtney Gober, Joe Coleman, Todd Bloomer and many more!
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### March 3 - 5, 2024 | Hilton Austin Airport

The 8th Annual Making Middle School Matter Symposium is open to all middle school administrators and educators and will focus on research-proven practices that can be implemented school-wide. The symposium will feature a range of keynotes and breakout sessions. Unlike other professional development events or conferences, this program will draw content solely from high-quality research and translate that research into practical knowledge bites so that practices and strategies can be replicated in schools and classrooms. Plan now to attend this great training!

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# TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE EDUCATORS



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The Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) is a statewide nonprofit organization that offers students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to explore the teaching profession. We accomplish this by creating and supporting various conferences, seminars, contests, scholarships, and summer workshops. The TAFE state office gives operational support to more than 300 chapters across the state of Texas. We publish a quarterly newsletter, produce an Advisors' Handbook, New Chapter Starter Kit and maintain a website with future educator resources.

TAFE is a recognized Career and Technical Student Organization (like FFA, DECA and FCCLA). This allows districts to use federal Career and Technical Education funding to support student participation in TAFE professional development activities. With your support, this historic achievement will allow more students to reach their dream of becoming future educators.

**Starting a TAFE chapter on your campus is the first step to developing high quality teachers.  
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**TAFE is quickly becoming "the" student organization on many campuses.**

**Some of the many reasons cited are:**

- Easy to implement
- Scholarship opportunities
- Low financial cost of becoming a member school. TAFE affiliation fee is \$80 per chapter (Perkins funds can be used to pay affiliation fees because it is for all members in the chapter) to be paid to TAFE and \$10 National dues per student member to be paid to Educators Rising (Perkins funds cannot be used for this because it is per student member not all members).
- Students enjoy participating in TAFE activities
- Principals enjoy having students on campus excited about the teaching profession

## TAFE Conferences and Workshops

### Area Conferences November and December

Students and teacher leaders in 11 Areas will gather at 11 universities across Texas during November and December to compete in many education related competitive events and attend workshops to get tools they can add to their future teacher toolbox. Check the Area Map for conference information in your area - [www.tafeonline.org/tafe-area-map](http://www.tafeonline.org/tafe-area-map). Teacher Leaders can also earn CPE hours.

### Teach Tomorrow Summit • Feb. 28-March 1, 2024 • Kalahari Resort, Round Rock, Texas

This gathering of more than 2,200 high school students and their teacher leaders focuses on celebrating the teaching profession, exchanging project ideas, and listening to leaders in the field of education. TAFE awards scholarships to future educators at this conference. Attendees can participate in educational seminars and many competitive events such as: Lesson Planning & Delivery, job shadowing competitions, speech competitions, and many more competitive events. (Registration is complimentary for TASSP principals.) Visit [www.tafeonline.org](http://www.tafeonline.org) for more details.

### Local, Area, and State Officer Training Workshop • May 9-11, 2024 • Highland Lakes Camp, Spicewood, Texas

This three-day workshop provides leadership training to help the state and area officers adopt traits and attributes of today's top leaders. They will learn to establish credibility and influence with peers, set realistic and achievable goals, and create a positive team environment by giving other members the tools they need to grow personally and professionally.

### Educators Rising National Conference • June 28-July 1, 2024 • Washington D.C.

Educators Rising members from across the country will participate in this action-packed event filled with networking opportunities, competitive events, and professional development for students and teachers.

### Teacher Leaders' Workshop • July 15-16, 2024 • Hilton Anatole, Dallas, Texas

This two-day workshop is the very best opportunity for new and veteran teacher leaders to get together, share ideas, get re-energized, and learn about the resources available to them as members of TAFE. New teacher leaders get foundational information, exciting tips, and short-cuts on managing their position in ways that will make life easier and more productive. All participants will gain a broader understanding of their important role as a teacher leader and earn required CPE hours in the process.

**Schools interested in starting a TAFE chapter can go online to [www.TAFEonline.org](http://www.TAFEonline.org) and view or print a New Chapter Starter Guide under the Join tab.**

**Contact Monica Oliver at [monica@tassp.org](mailto:monica@tassp.org) or (512) 443-2100 ext. 8512.**



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## **TASC provides**

- Resources to help serve the local campus and community
- Programming to guide students on their leadership journey
- Training to enhance advisor skills
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- Recognition for work well done

## **Strong Student Councils**

- Partner with their principals to meet the needs of their school
- Allow students and advisors to be part of something greater than themselves
- Enhance belonging for all students
- Create schools where students and staff want to be

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## **TASC Training and Opportunities**

### **STUDENT COUNCIL/HONOR SOCIETY ADVISOR WORKSHOP • Sept. 24-25, 2023 • San Marcos**

Join TASC advisors from across the state for this Workshop full of learning, networking, and motivation. Experienced advisors share ideas and insights in small discussion groups and table talks. Advisors may submit a proposal to present a session or a table share. NHS and NJHS advisers are invited and special programming is provided for them.

### **MIDDLE LEVEL STATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE • Nov. 17-18, 2023 • San Marcos**

Middle Level student council and NJHS leaders and advisors hear nationally known speakers, gain training from experts, and share ideas with peers. Build your ML program by registering your students and advisors. For Student Council, NJHS, and other ML Leadership Group members and advisors (Grades 5-8)

### **ADVANCED LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS • Jan. 27-29, 2024 | Feb. 9-11, 2024**

Attendees meet with top student council trainers and leave motivated to finish the year strong.

### **HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL CONFERENCE • April 7-9, 2024 • Irving**

Both middle level and high school students and advisors are invited to attend the TASC 88th Annual Conference. Students and advisors celebrate accomplishments, elect state officers, and attend sessions on leadership and student council topics. This high energy conference is the largest gathering of student council leaders in the country.

### **SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS • June & July 2024 • Various Colleges in Texas**

Plans are being made for workshops this summer. These are open to high school and middle school student councils and honor societies. Sending students to a Summer Leadership Workshop is the best thing you can do for your council.

### **DISTRICT LEVEL MEETINGS AND TRAININGS • Fall 2023 & Spring 2024 • Various Locations in TX**

The 21 TASC District Organizations in Texas offer fall and spring conventions as well as specific advisor trainings, and some overnight retreats.

### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP CLASS CURRICULUM ACADEMY • June 2024 • Location and Date TBD**

TASC offers a two-day training for teachers of the TASSP State Credit Student Leadership Class.

**For more information on Student Activities programs, visit [www.TASOnline.org](http://www.TASOnline.org) or contact Patty Wangler at [patty@tassp.org](mailto:patty@tassp.org) or (512) 443-2100 ext. 2517.**

# Student LEADERSHIP

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- The course may be taught for state credit at the 8th grade level.
- Recommended educator certifications:
  - Instructors must hold a valid Texas secondary teaching certificate
  - Instructors should have at least one year of experience teaching at the secondary level and be skilled in facilitation.
- The cost for initial purchase of the curriculum which includes permission from TEA to award state elective credit is \$250 and includes a Curriculum Supplement with 100 pages of leadership lessons written by leadership teachers.
- If the school has previously purchased the curriculum, an updated curriculum approved in 2019 may be purchased for \$100 and includes the Curriculum Supplement.
- TASC offers a Student Leadership Course Curriculum Academy each summer.
- It is possible to schedule an Academy for an ISD or Region if at least 15 leadership instructors are registered.

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