



News Release

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Northwest ISD Community Elects Board Members: Place 5 Devonna Holland, Place 6 Lillian Rauch and Place 7 Mel Fuller

The Northwest ISD community has elected to fill three seats on the Northwest ISD Board of Trustees. On the May 10 ballot were Jerry Burkett (Fort Worth) and Devonna Holland (Rhame) for Place 5; Andrew Bennett (Roanoke), Stan Durham (Fort Worth), Aaron Fraser (Roanoke), Edward Mergenthal (Fort Worth), Lillian Rauch (Trophy Club) and Kristi Wade (Trophy Club) for Place 6; and Mel Fuller (Trophy Club) and Doug Smith (Roanoke) for Place 7.

Incumbent Devonna Holland was elected to Place 5. Holland has served on the board since 2008. Lillian Rauch was elected to Place 6. Incumbent Mel Fuller was elected to Place 7. Fuller has served on the board since 2008. Elected board members will be sworn in at the May 27 school board meeting.

Northwest ISD's seven-member Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing policies of the district and for ensuring its financial viability. Trustees employ the superintendent, approve the budget, monitor expenditures, set the tax rate and call bond elections. Members are elected to a three-year term of office. On a 2-2-3 rotating basis, all board members are elected at-large. Trustees provide service to the Northwest ISD communities without financial compensation.

Located north of Fort Worth and west of the Dallas metroplex, Northwest Independent School District has a vision of becoming the best and most sought-after school district where every student is future ready: ready for college, ready for the global workplace and ready for personal success. At 234 square miles, Northwest ISD is one of the largest school districts in the area and spans three counties (Tarrant, Denton, and Wise) and 14 municipalities. Northwest ISD operates 26 campuses. The district will open V.R. Eaton High School in August 2015.

The district of approximately 19,000 students is expected to serve 30,000 in the next eight years and could have as many as 90,000 students by 2030. The district's growth is a result of several factors: the size of the school district; the number of active housing developments; and the attractive housing, retail and business industry in the immediate area.

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Please Note: The attached election results are not official until votes are canvassed later this month.