



## News Release

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### **Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., Named Region 11 Superintendent of the Year**

Northwest ISD is pleased to announce Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., has been named the Region 11 Superintendent of the Year.

“I am truly honored,” said Superintendent of Schools Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. “The NISD Board of Trustees is a visionary team. I am so fortunate to be surrounded by a hardworking school board, dedicated staff members and talented students. I share this recognition with the students and staff in Northwest ISD – a district that believes in putting kids first.”

Dr. Rue was nominated by the NISD School Board Members for her strong leadership skills, dedication to improving educational quality, ability to build effective employee relations, student performance and commitment to public involvement in education. Sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), the Superintendent of the Year (SOTY) program has recognized exemplary superintendents for excellence and achievement in educational leadership since 1984.

Dr. Rue is one of 20 regional winners across the state of Texas. She has served as superintendent of schools in Northwest ISD since 2005 and is leading a transformational change in education at NISD and Texas to ensure all students are prepared for the digital age in which we live. In her tenure at NISD, Dr. Rue has managed three successful bond elections and led district initiatives such as Community-Based Accountability, the expansion of NISD academies, development of the district’s Outdoor Learning Center and a student tablet and netbook deployment. Currently, she is the President Elect for the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA), the Vice President for the South Central States for Urban Superintendents Association of America (USAA) and serves on the executive committee for the Texas School Coalition. Read more about Dr. Rue on the district’s [website](#).

ESC Region 11 serves 77 school districts and 55 charter schools in the north central Texas area. This was a unique year for the SOTY award because a record number of women superintendents were nominated. Of the 77 traditional school districts in the region, 11 have female superintendents at the helm (14 percent). For the first time, the majority of candidates for the Region 11 award were female (80 percent).

The state committee will interview regional winners in Austin on August 22-23 and select five finalists. The Superintendent of the Year will be announced September 26 at the TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas.

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