



## News Release

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### **NISD Superintendent Awarded National PTA Life Achievement Award**

At the February 16 Northwest ISD Council of PTAs meeting, the council surprised Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. with the National PTA Life Achievement Award.

“I am truly surprised,” Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D. said to a room full of PTA members and NISD administrators. “To all of you who serve in the PTA, thank you very much for this honor.”

This recognition is the highest honor from the nation’s largest child advocacy organization to a person who lives out their commitment to children daily.

“Our hearts are full, and our respect even more as Dr. Rue has chosen this as her last year with us at Northwest ISD as our superintendent,” said Council of PTAs President Joy Harrison. “This now holds an even greater honor to be able to give this award to someone who has been the champion for all of our students and PTAs for so many years.”

Last month, Dr. Rue announced her intent to retire at the end of July. The NISD Board of Trustees has already initiated the process to find her replacement. Superintendent Rue joined Northwest ISD in 2005. While at NISD, Dr. Rue has led the district under the guidance of a detailed strategic plan developed with the vision and input of students, parents, staff, community members and NISD School Board members. This plan and the core beliefs, vision, mission and goals stated therein guide every decision made in the district. She has been instrumental in leading district-wide initiatives such as Community-Based Accountability, revising the Profile of a Graduate, creating the Profile of an Educator, providing a digital learning environment through student tablets and netbooks, expanding the NISD Academies, and developing the Outdoor Learning Center. Dr. Rue has managed three successful bond elections, each based on the recommendation of the Long-Range Planning committee and overwhelmingly supported by the community.

Dr. Rue was presented a certificate of recognition, a congratulatory letter from the national PTA president and a gold lapel pin.

“I absolutely believe that the advantages, the work and the support systems that PTAs give to schools is unparalleled,” Rue said. “The fact that all of you give your effort and heart to PTA and support your schools and students is a tremendous gift. I will accept this on behalf of all of the administrators in this district and all the people who work with children to make NISD what it is today.”

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