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Dr. Scott Muri named finalist for Superintendent of the Year

Surprised. Excited. Humbled. These are all words used by Ector County ISD Superintendent Dr. Scott Muri upon finding out he is one of five finalists for the 2022 Texas Superintendent of the Year Award. The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) announced the five finalists on Monday afternoon.

“The interview for Superintendent of the Year was one of the highlights of my career,” said Dr. Muri, “because I was able to tell our story. The ECISD story. For over three years we have worked to improve the quality of education our students receive, and we have created a school district of which we can all be proud.”

Dr. Muri was named the Region 18 Superintendent of the Year in June. Along with the other regional winners, he was interviewed last weekend by a TASB committee of school board members from around Texas. Dr. Muri said the interview committee was inspired by the district’s growth and improvements in so many areas. He added his selection as a finalist is statewide validation of the good work being done by ECISD. Work that includes:

- ECISD earning a “B” rating from the Texas Education Agency for the first time
- The number of schools rated “A” more than doubling from 3 to 7
- The number of schools rated “B” doubling from 6 to 12
- 5 schools grew from an “F” to a “B”
- In 2019, half of ECISD’s schools were rated “D” or “F”, today half of ECISD’s schools are rated “A” or “B”
- The graduation rate of 85.5% is the highest in at least 20 years
- College, Career, and Military Readiness score of 63 tops the region and equals the state
- Kindergarten Readiness is up 14%
- Teacher vacancies dropped from 351 in August 2019 to 42 today
- In May, 120 ECISD teachers across 31 schools received more than \$850,000 in Teacher Incentive Allotment dollars based on the growth of their students

“It is my distinct honor to serve alongside each of the 4,200 members of our team. Each and every one of our employees deserves this recognition.”

In addition to Dr. Muri the finalists include Jenny McGown, Klein ISD; Thurston Lamb, Henderson ISD; Bobby Ott, Temple ISD; and Doug Killian, Pflugerville ISD. The Superintendent of the Year winner will be announced on Saturday, September 24, at the TASB/TASA Conference in San Antonio. TASB has used the Superintendent of the Year program to honor exemplary school leaders since 1984.

You can find the TASB press release [here](#).

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