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REGION 5 NAMES PORTERIE AS 2018 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Region 5 Education Service Center is pleased to announce the regional winner for TASB's 2018 Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Mark Porterie of Port Arthur ISD. Dr. Porterie has been superintendent there since 2014, following a career in education that began in the same district in 1994. The growth Port Arthur ISD has experienced under his leadership over the past four years is the very reason for his nomination.

Dr. Porterie was chosen for his strong communication and leadership skills, dedication to improving the quality of education at Port Arthur ISD, and his commitment to public support and involvement in education.

In support of his nomination, the Board wrote, *"Our school district has not met academic achievement goals for years before Dr. Porterie became the superintendent. The approach of change was something that he knew started with him and made its way down to his administrative staff and then to a campus level. Thus, the need for collaborative efforts through planning and implementation. Dr. Porterie called for PAISD to become a District of Innovation in order to take advantage of changes that can be made on a district level in order to address specific needs for the District."*

The close of his letter of nomination honors Dr. Porterie for his selfless loyalty and dedication to the district, which was exemplified after Hurricane Harvey. Dr. Porterie worked diligently to get school started as quickly as possible, although 89% of all structures in Port Arthur suffered some sort of flood damage. *"One detail that goes unnoticed amid all of the work being done to get the district re-opened is that Dr. Porterie is among the group of Port Arthur residents whose home was destroyed during the flood. To this day, he still has not been able to move back into his home... Not once has Dr. Porterie mentioned these specific details to the Board. Instead, his focus remains on the students and employees of the District and the community at large."*

One interviewer said this of Dr. Porterie, *"It was a pleasure to be part of the interview committee to choose him to represent Region 5 as Superintendent of the Year. He was so articulate and passionate about his position and his love of children. He is one of the most impressive gentlemen that we have met. Teachers are very lucky to work under his leadership."*

Dr. Porterie was nominated for the position by his local school board, and a non-biased selection team of school board members from various districts made the final selection. He will be interviewed as a regional winner in late summer by the TASB State Selection Committee, at which time five finalists will be chosen to proceed in the process for the State Superintendent of the Year award.

Region 5 is very proud of Dr. Porterie and his accomplishments! Please join us in recognizing him for this very prestigious award. Congratulations to Dr. Mark Porterie and Port Arthur ISD!