

Humble ISD Superintendent Dr. Guy Sconzo Honored as State Finalist



Humble ISD Superintendent Dr. Guy Sconzo was honored as a State Finalist for the 2013 Superintendent of the Year award at the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards Convention in Dallas. Dr. Sconzo was one of only five finalists selected from a group of 16 regional winners. TASB named Keith Brown, Bay City ISD, as the Texas Superintendent of the Year.

Other state finalists were: James J. Ponce, McAllen ISD; Bobby Burns, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD; and John E. Chapman III, Comfort ISD.

Employees, community members and board members have expressed their esteem for Dr. Sconzo, who was named the Region 4 Superintendent of the Year in July. Region 4 ESC encompasses more than one million students in 50 school districts. Sconzo was selected by a panel of board members from school districts within Region 4.

Brent M. Engelage, Humble ISD Board of Trustees President, remarked that Dr. Sconzo's leadership in education influences students statewide.

"Humble ISD has grown, changed and evolved under Dr. Sconzo's leadership," said Engelage, "all for the better and all with a focus on student achievement. His commitment to education extends beyond District boundaries, making an impact at the State level to improve public education throughout Texas. On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, I'd like to congratulate Dr. Sconzo for this honor. We are indeed fortunate to have his passion and dedication right here at home in Humble ISD."

Dr. Sconzo has served as Humble ISD's Superintendent since June 2001. During his 13-year tenure as Superintendent for Humble ISD, Dr. Sconzo successfully managed the District through a time of rapid growth as enrollment increased by more than 10,000 students. He also advocated for students, proactively seeking academic programs that would address the changing needs of Humble ISD. Dr. Sconzo instituted campus visits and goes to each of the District's 41 schools at least twice per year while building relationships with principals and teachers.

Under Dr. Sconzo's leadership, Humble ISD was named one of five Large District State Finalists in the 2013 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards. His leadership in the community has included the Flaming Arrow District of Boy Scouts of America, Hermann Memorial Northeast Hospital Board, Lake

Houston Family YMCA Board and the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Board. Dr. Sconzo was the first superintendent in Texas asked to testify in the current school finance lawsuit seeking a more fair and adequate funding system to better serve the needs of all Texas students.

Dr. Sconzo extended this honor to the 5,000 employees and board members of Humble ISD, who gathered at a surprise pep rally and state “send-off” to wish him well.

“In my heart,” Sconzo said during the rally, “I’ve already won by being here with all of you.”

The Superintendent of the Year Award Program is sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards. Eligible applicants from any of Texas’ 1,031 local school districts must first be nominated by their local school board and are then evaluated based upon information submitted. A state selection committee interviews regional winners and names five state finalists before announcing the Texas Superintendent of the Year.



Humble ISD Superintendent Dr. Guy Sconzo is surprised to see family, students, staff and board members during a pep rally to wish him well. The Atascocita High School band, cheerleaders, choir, drill team and orchestra performed during the event.



Dr. Sconzo is honored at the Superintendent of the Year presentation during the TASA/TASB Conference in Dallas. Lee Lentz-Edwards, TASB Director, presented the 16 regional winners and five finalists with a plaque.