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Staff

The Board recognizes RISD Director of Student Assistance Programs Jill Darling for outstanding service to the students of the district and the Texas Association of Student Assistance Professionals (TASAP).

Ms. Darling was the president of TASAP for its first three years of existence, and currently serves on its board as past president. In addition, under her guidance, RISD's Student Assistance Program has become nationally recognized for consistent excellence.

Noel Love, TASAP Executive Director, wrote the following about Ms. Darling's efforts:

I cannot express in adequate terms what Jill has meant to our organization. During the past 19 years, I have worked with more than 4,700 schools from 21 states, providing some type of SAP-related training or consultation. I am able to draw comparisons and contrasts between those student assistance programs that truly work and those that struggle. In the vast continuum of student assistance, Richardson ISD's SAP is one of the very best in the nation—none are run better. That is why we are so proud to have had Jill as our first president.

The Board recognizes Forest Meadow Junior High Principal Charles Bruner for being named a statewide semifinalist in the 2005 HEB Excellence in Education Awards program. Mr. Bruner was one of just 75 principals statewide to be selected, out of more than 900 nominees. Semifinalists were selected based on professional accomplishments and written panel responses.