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Entire DISD Board Attends Governance/Legal Seminar

(Corpus Christi) – The entire seven member Board of Trustees of Devine ISD joined more than 500 local trustees from across the state at the Texas Association of School Boards’ (TASB) Winter Governance and Legal Seminar February 19-21 in Corpus Christi.

Practical continuing education for new and experienced trustees focused on key issues facing local districts and legislative updates on school funding proposals, property tax and appraisal practices, changes in the accountability system, and technology initiatives. Participants also examined student use of social media, criminal background checks, barriers to college and work-force readiness, effective communication, and student searches and drug testing, among other topics. A series of sessions also focused specifically on needs of small school districts, examining financial reporting standards, campus consolidation and realignment, and successful districtwide achievement.

Deborah Estes, Friday’s general session speaker, is a former teacher and

administrator who founded her own firm that specializes in training for the business and education sectors. In her presentation, *Brain Power*, she discussed how to create an atmosphere for optimal learning for students and adults.

At Saturday's general session, David Zach explored *A School Leader's Guide to the Future*. Zach is a futurist who has worked with more than 1,300 corporations, colleges, and associations, offering insights on the personal and professional effects of strategic trends. He currently teaches future studies at the University of Wisconsin.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 4.6 million students.

"It was a good experience. Board training is required, yet we only were one of only four boards with 100 percent attendance. We will be acknowledged in TASB's Lonestar Magazine next month" said Cindy Morales, Devine ISD Board President.

At the February 23 board meeting in Devine Morales proudly announced that all seven board members not only meet, but they all exceed the number of board education training hours required.