



Large Member School Representative:

# Brent Wilson, EdD

## Superintendent, Life School

### Bio:

Brent Wilson, Ed.D serves as the Superintendent of Life School, which includes five elementary schools, two middle schools, a 3A and 4A public high school (over 5,500 enrollment). Dr. Wilson received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University in 1995, a masters of education in Educational Leadership and an Ed.D at Dallas Baptist University. He joined the Life School executive team as chief operations officer in July 2009 after a fourteen year career in the private sector. As superintendent, he has oversight and management of the academics, operations, culture, talent and financial departments of Life School.

Life School has been featured in the Dallas Morning News, Dallas Talk Radio, KLIF and other forms of social media. Before joining Life School, Dr. Wilson developed his collaborative, systems-based management style in diverse and varied corporate settings. He has worked and performed management coordination for a world-wide pharmaceutical marketing and sales company, Merck & Co. He helped manage several major multi-year projects in the energy sector for Kvaerner Oilfield Products. At another world-wide corporation, Brinker International, he served as an operational manager while overseeing logistical channels between Brinker International and other private sector companies.

Dr. Wilson now brings his strong, well-rounded management abilities to Life School. He is leading the organization as it transitions from the growth phase into maturity by building and strengthening infrastructure, creating and refining systems and processes, and instilling a professional management culture at all levels of leadership. Dr. Wilson is married to Kirstin Booher Wilson. They have two children Cooper and Kaitlin.

### Why I am running:

Dear Charter Leader,

A little over two years ago, the Texas charter school movement was in transition. Several long-term charter leaders had vacated their leadership roles to pursue other opportunities. The Texas Charter School Association (TCSA) was conducting a CEO search and we were deciding how to build upon the foundation other charter leaders had built before us. Texas charter leaders understood we needed to make some adjustments in our approach to advocacy to position ourselves for the ever-changing educational and political landscape in Texas.

Opposition against the charter movement continued to increase and the need for the Texas charter movement to articulate how our schools are serving students in Texas has become even more paramount. As a TCSA board member this last term, I was able to work with other members to accomplish the following things for Texas charter schools:

- Interviewed and hired a new CEO to succeed TCSA founder, David Dunn. I am grateful for Starlee Coleman's leadership as our new CEO.
- Worked with the TCSA board and staff to shift resources from a service to an advocacy-focused organization.
- Collaborated with other leaders to better understand the diverse needs and priorities of different charter school models and sizes.
- Advocated for positive charter bills in the last Texas legislative session.

It has been an honor to serve on the TCSA Board these last two years. With your vote, I hope to serve you for another term as a Large Charter School Director of the TCSA Board and continue the work we started.

Regards,

Brent Wilson, EdD