



Large Member School Representative:

Eddie Conger

Superintendent, International Leadership of Texas

Bio:

Superintendent Eddie Conger graduated from Texas A&M University in 1981 with a degree in Business Management. After graduation, Eddie went on to serve 20 years in the United States Marine Corps as an Infantry Officer. After retiring as a Major from the Marine Corps in 2001 while stationed in Okinawa, Japan, with his family, Eddie taught 5th grade Math in Dallas ISD and 7th grade Math in Garland ISD. He served a year each as Assistant Principal at a middle school and a high school in Garland ISD before leading Hillsboro Jr. High School for two years in which each of those two years the campus was rated by the Texas Education Agency as a Recognized campus. In 2008, Eddie was selected to lead Dallas ISD's Thomas Jefferson High School. Within his four years at Thomas Jefferson, the team significantly increased the graduation rate from only 52% to 81%, met all federal academic AYP standards, and started a Chinese language and student exchange program on a campus whose students were nearly 90% low social economic. By 2012 Thomas Jefferson had the largest Chinese program in Dallas ISD with over 600 students studying Chinese.

Eddie resigned to lead the International Leadership of Texas Charter School District that he developed and which was approved on November 16th, 2012 by the Texas State Board of Education. The mission of ILTexas is to prepare students for exceptional leadership roles in the international community by emphasizing servant leadership, mastering English, Spanish, and Chinese, and strengthening the mind, the body and the character. Since opening the doors of its first school in 2013, ILTexas has grown to serve more than 19,500 students across 19 campuses in the Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston areas.

Why I am running:

Dear Fellow Charter Superintendents,

I'm Eddie Conger, Founder and Superintendent of International Leadership of Texas, and I have enjoyed serving you as a current board member of the Texas Charter School Association.

I intend to run again for the position of large school board member. I view that role as working collaboratively with you to ensure that TCSA aggressively advocates for all of us to reduce excessive oversight by TEA, to promote understanding of the unique challenges and issues that charters face in the normal course of operations, and to protect the freedom of innovation for which charters were originally created.

I'm always available and only a text away - (817) 946-4350 cell.

Sincerely,

Eddie Conger,
CEO, Superintendent International Leadership of Texas