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Atkinson Joins TASB Board

(Austin) — The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has elected Sylvia Perez Atkinson of Brownsville ISD to an interim position on the TASB Board of Directors, representing Region 1A. With over 23 years of experience in public education, she currently serves as assistant superintendent in Rio Hondo ISD.

Atkinson earned bachelor degrees in political science and sociology from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, a master's in education from The University of Texas at Brownsville, and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Houston. She is a long-time member of the Texas State Teachers Association/National Education Association, Association of Texas Professional Educators, Texas Association of School Administrators, and Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators. Atkinson is state certified as a social studies educator, school administrator, and superintendent of schools.

She is an avid supporter of numerous student groups and activities such as chess, Destination Imagination, youth football/baseball, Girl Scouts, fine arts, and Student Council. She also is a member of several business and community organizations. Among those are the Brownsville ISD Budget, Curriculum, Energy and Legislative Committees, Region One HR Advisory Committee, Community College Task Force, Relay for Life, Rotary International, and the Ministry of Hospitality at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Atkinson has served as a special education teacher, government teacher, high school assistant principal, human resources director, executive director, area assistant superintendent, assistant superintendent for curriculum/human resources, and superintendent of schools in three different regions of the state.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school boards. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve approximately 5.3 million public school students.