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Nichols meets with local superintendents

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Jacksonville -- Sen. Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville) met with local superintendents from Cherokee County. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss education issues in preparation for the 85th Legislature which convenes in January.

"The Legislature faces many challenges this session, and we cannot make good decisions unless we are listening closely to those we represent," said Nichols. "Education is and always will be one of the most important issues we face as a state."

Before each legislative session Nichols meets with each of the school district Superintendents in Senate District 3 to listen to their priorities and discuss issues facing the local education community.

"JISD is proud to host Senator Nichols and our area superintendents today," said Chad Kelly, Jacksonville ISD Superintendent and host of the meeting. "We are so fortunate to have Senator Nichols close by and always appreciate him doing what he can for East Texas public schools by listening and taking our concerns to Austin. JISD would like to thank the Senator for spending time with us today."

Senate District 3, which includes over 100 school districts throughout 19 counties, encompasses the greater part of East Texas and Montgomery County.

"These meetings help me to understand how decisions in Austin impact local schools," stated Nichols. "I appreciate the opportunity to meet with superintendents and discuss how we can continue improving our education system. Our combined goal is to ensure children have the educational tools they need to be successful."

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Photo Attached **Back Row L-R:** Wells ISD Superintendent James Moore, Bullard ISD Superintendent Todd Schneider, Senator Robert Nichols, Jacksonville ISD Superintendent Chad Kelly, New Summerfield ISD Superintendent Stuart Bird, New Summerfield ISD Superintendent Dr. Brian Nichols, and Jacksonville ISD Associate Supt for Personnel & Operations Brad Stewart.

Front Row L-R: Bullard ISD Deputy Superintendent Jan Hill, Jacksonville ISD Associate Supt. of Curriculum & Student Services Lisa Cox, and Jacksonville ISD Associate Superintendent of Finance Lindy Finley