



# **NEWS RELEASE**

**Senator Robert Nichols**

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## **Nichols meets with local superintendents**

Dayton -- Sen. Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville) met with local superintendents from Liberty 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.

*"A child deserves a champion- an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be."* (Rita Pierson) This quote reminds me of Senator Robert Nichols as it is evident to me that he cares very much for our children and is a champion of public education. I appreciate that he takes the time to meet with the Liberty County Superintendents on a regular basis. He listens, he asks questions, and he values our opinions. His door is always open for us and he continues to understand the power of connection to the people he represents," said Dr. Jessica Johnson, Dayton ISD Superintendent and host of the meeting. "In addition, Senator Nichols invited House Representative-Elect Ernest Bailes to also attend our meeting. I know that the other Superintendents and other District Administrators want to thank both of these men for representing our community, our districts, and are champions for our children."

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 L-R Back Row: Hull-Daisetta ISD Superintendent Mary Huckabay, Cleveland ISD Superintendent Dr. Darrel Myers, Devers ISD Superintendent Elizabeth Harris, Liberty

ISD CFO Julie Hebert, Dayton ISD Assoc. Superintendent of Business Services Tami Pierce, Tarkington ISD Superintendent Kevin Weldon,

Photo L-R Front Row: Liberty ISD Curriculum Director Margaret Gardeina, Senator Robert Nichols, Dayton ISD Superintendent Dr. Jessica Johnson, House Representative-Elect Ernest Bailes.