



Whitney ISD Board of Trustees named Todd Southard as the lone finalist for Superintendent of Schools for Whitney ISD at their April 15, 2024 meeting. After the mandatory 21-day waiting period, Mr. Southard is set to become the district's next leader following the retirement of current WISD superintendent John McCullough.

WISD received 37 applications and conducted 2 rounds of interviews before selecting Mr. Southard. "We are excited to welcome Todd Southard to Whitney ISD," said Charles Buzan, President of Whitney ISD Board of Trustees. "After an extensive search in looking for the next superintendent to lead WISD into the future, the board has unanimously selected Todd Southard. He has extensive experience and knowledge in all aspects of leading school districts, as well as excellent communication skills. We look forward to working with Todd and welcome him and his family to Whitney."



Mr. Southard is in his 27<sup>th</sup> year in education, having served as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, and most recently as the superintendent of Pilot Point ISD. "I would like to begin by thanking the Board of Trustees for their support and confidence in choosing me to become the next Superintendent of Schools of Whitney ISD." said Mr. Southard. "I was incredibly impressed with their honesty and candor. Over the course of the last few weeks, as the Board and I engaged in very serious discussions, it became obvious to me their goal is very simple--they're going to do what they feel is best for kids. I am looking forward to working with them to help the district continue to grow and improve. Jodi, Cooper, Avery, and I are ecstatic about becoming Wildcats. Jodi and I feel the

community fits our needs as a family, and it is the type of environment where we want to continue to raise our boys. We are looking forward to becoming active and involved with both the district and community."