



ERA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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As a Board, one of our core responsibilities is ensuring that Era ISD has a highly qualified superintendent to lead our teachers, staff, and students. Era ISD continues to be one of the highest-ranked schools in North Texas and remains in strong financial standing, two areas that reflect the leadership and dedication of our entire school community, but especially the superintendent.

While we have experienced two sudden vacancies on the Board, there will not be an election at this time. The next scheduled election will take place in November 2026. Our immediate focus must remain on the superintendent search, a thorough and deliberate process that began in late September before the vacancies. Our search agency has been actively recruiting qualified candidates, and the Board has a series of meetings in the coming weeks to interview and select the next superintendent. Our goal is to make a hire as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition and continued stability for our district.

The Era ISD Board of Trustees is excited to announce the appointment of Samantha Freeman (Place 5) & Blake Branch (Place 3). This selection was based on specific criteria, including expressed interest, attendance at school board meetings, and demonstrated involvement and service within the community. The new members will serve on the board until the next scheduled election in November 2026.

This decision was made after thoughtful deliberation and consultation with our search firm as well as the district's legal team. Given the superintendent vacancy and the importance of that process, we believe it is in the best interest of our students, staff, and community to prioritize the business of the school, hiring a superintendent, and ensuring Era ISD continues to have the strong, steady leadership it deserves.

Yours in Service to Students,

Era ISD School Board

