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**THE LINDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**LINDALE ISD SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH**

January is School Board Recognition Month which is a great time to focus on the crucial role the Lindale Independent School District's Board of Trustees plays in our community and school district. As elected officials, our board of trustees are the voice of our Lindale community, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our children.

"We are extremely fortunate to have seven great men serving the Lindale community and the school district," said the Lindale ISD Superintendent, Stan Surratt. "They certainly have done a wonderful job in setting high expectations for our district and have provided leadership for myself and our entire faculty. The Lindale ISD Board of Trustees deeply care about the students and families in Lindale. We are truly blessed with a great school board."

It's important that the public supports our schools so that today's students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow. The Lindale ISD's board members provide vision and leadership in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand up for public education.

Recognizing board members for this commitment and sacrifice takes a combined effort on the part of all those they serve: administrators, school staff, students and the community. Although showing appreciation should be a year-round process, taking advantage of the designated School Board Recognition Month assures that these important people receive some of the appreciation that they deserve.

Board members serving Lindale ISD are:

LISD Board President Kelly Cox

Mr. Cox was elected to the board of trustees in 2011. He and his wife Jennifer have two children and have lived in the district since 2002.

LISD Board Vice-President Gary Camp

Gary Camp is a 1975 graduate of Lindale High School and a 1979 alumni of UT Tyler. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Susan Melvin Camp and together they have three children, Jennifer and her husband Jeremy, Jessica and Casey. They also have three grandchildren. Camp is the managing partner at Camp Financial Services, LLC.

LISD Board Member Donny Williams

Donny Williams joined the Lindale ISD school board in May 2015 in the Place Six position.

LISD Board Secretary Mike Combs

Mr. Combs was elected to the LISD Board in 2004 and re-elected in 2009. He has been employed as executive with the Target Corporation since 1989. He is currently president of the Penny Lane Homeowners Association and owner of Vacationers Lawn Care. He and his wife of 32 years, Rachel, have two sons, Chris and Ryan, both graduates and residents of Lindale.

LISD Board Member Kenneth Cline

Kenneth Cline is serving his third term as an LISD trustee. Cline is a graduate of Lindale High School. Mr. Cline has his own firm, Kenneth W. Cline Consulting Engineer. He and his wife Carol have three children and 10 grandchildren.

LISD Board Member Robert McGee

Robert McGee and his wife of 20+ years have two children in the school district. McGee is a 1993 graduate of UT Tyler and has lived in the Lindale community since 1995. He is currently employed with the ETMC IT Department as a software developer and also owns the local business, Hideaway Storage.

LISD Board Member Matt Watts

Matt Watts is serving his fifth term on the Lindale ISD Board. He is a graduate of Lindale High School and Stephen F. Austin State University, and is employed by e-Builder. Mr. Watts and his wife Stacy have 3 children.

The Lindale ISD's Board of Trustees are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing our school district. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of our children.

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