

## Fort Bend ISD Board unanimously approves Charles Dupre as superintendent finalist

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The Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved Charles Dupre as the lone finalist for superintendent on March 20. The Board is expected to vote to finalize Dupre's hiring at a special meeting on April 12. The state requires a 21-day waiting period before the lone finalist can sign a contract. Dupre will officially assume the duties of Fort Bend ISD Superintendent before June 1.

Dupre has served as superintendent of Pflugerville ISD since 2006, where he believes his commitment to developing capable young people has been supported by his background in financial management. Dupre joined Pflugerville ISD as Deputy Superintendent in 2006 from Fort Bend ISD, where he served as Associate Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer. During his 11-year tenure in Fort Bend ISD, Dupre was responsible for an annual budget that exceeded \$500 million as student enrollment grew around 40,000 to more than 60,000. During that same period the district opened more than a dozen new school buildings. Prior to his service in Fort Bend ISD, Dupre worked in the public accounting and energy industries.

In a sit-down interview, Dupre tells the Houston Forward Times that he is looking forward to the opportunity to serve as FBISD's new superintendent, as well as working with the FBISD board and community to strengthen the district.

"FBISD is a strong district and has grown so much since I left in 2006," said Dupre. "I have always appreciated the rich diversity that makes up FBISD and I can't wait to work with the Fort Bend ISD board and the community to build upon that strength."

Pflugerville ISD is as racially diverse as Fort Bend ISD, in that roughly 22% of Pflugerville ISD students are African American; 29% are White; 39% are Hispanic; and 9% are Asian. The

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student population in Fort Bend ISD is roughly 31% African American; 23% White; 24% Hispanic; and 22% Asian. Under Dupre's leadership, Pflugerville ISD increased graduation rates and improved educational outcomes for all students, creating a cultural shift that emphasizes a positive learning environment that is student focused and results oriented, and one in which collaboration among staff, parents, and community is expected.

Dupre was named Region 13 Superintendent of the Year in 2012, and was recognized by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) as one of the top five finalists for Texas Superintendent of the Year. The Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce in 2012 named Dupre Superintendent of the Year in recognition of his efforts to improve college and career readiness.

Born in Casablanca, Morocco, Dupre was raised near Springfield, Missouri. He received his BBA with a major in Accounting from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, and Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Houston. He is currently pursuing his doctorate in educational leadership at Lamar University in Beaumont. Dupre is a Certified Public Accountant.