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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Pat Hardy Files for Reelection for State Board of Education District 11**

**FORT WORTH, TX** — Dec. 7, 2023 — Patricia “Pat” Hardy, the seven-term incumbent for District 11 of the Texas State Board of Education (SBOE), has filed for reelection.

“After much prayer and discussion with my family, I made my decision to continue fighting for parental rights and file for reelection,” she explained. “Texans need strong, conservative leadership, and I am excited about the prospect to continue serving the wonderful students, parents, and educators of District 11.”

A proud Republican and proven leader, Pat respects the taxpayers, champions parental rights, protects students, and supports teaching accurate history curricula. As the elected board member of District 11, she represents Parker, Hood, and Somervell counties and parts of Tarrant, Dallas, and Johnson counties.

A lifelong educator and leader, Pat has represented District 11 since 2002. During her tenure on the SBOE, she served a term each on the Instruction Committee and the School Initiatives Committee. The bulk of her time has been spent serving the School Finance/Permanent School Fund Committee, which oversees the nation’s largest education endowment. She currently serves as secretary of the board.

Among her endorsers are Mattie Parker, Mayor of Fort Worth; Pete Geren, former U.S. House Representative, TX-12; Sharen Wilson, former Tarrant County District Attorney; and Beth Van Dyne, U.S. House Representative, TX-24.

Pat retired in 2017 as an instructional specialist from Weatherford ISD, where she was the Social Studies coordinator for five years. Previously, she taught high school world history and world geography for 30 years at Castleberry High School in Fort Worth. She was a teacher consultant with the National Geographic Society Education Division and was the Texas Coordinator for the National Geographic Bee from 1989–2013. She also serves on the Texas Council for Social Studies and the executive board of the Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association. She was co-director of Kids Hope mentor program for her church, providing weekly mentoring to fourth graders at George C. Clarke Elementary in Fort Worth ISD for ten years.

To learn more about Pat’s priorities to defend Texas students and parents, visit [www.HardyForEducation.com](http://www.HardyForEducation.com).