

2009 TAGT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to our own Comfort ISD superintendent, Mr. John Chapman, for being named 2009 TAGT administrator of the year. According to their website (<http://www.txgifted.org/>)... "*The Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) is an organization of educators and parents dedicated to meeting the unique needs of gifted and talented students. TAGT promotes the awareness of the unique social, emotional, and intellectual needs of gifted and talented students in an effort to ensure that they are provided appropriate educational services.*" According to the associate director, Tracy Weinberg, Mr. Chapman is the first superintendent to win the award since TAGT was established in 1997. Weinberg states, "We have honored assistant superintendents, curriculum directors, G/T coordinators, and others, but no superintendents!"

Criteria for selection of the Administrator of the Year award are as follows:

1. Must currently be an administrator in a district/school in Texas.
2. Demonstrates an ongoing commitment to the education of the gifted.

3. Demonstrates an ongoing commitment to monitoring the development and delivery of GT services essential to the education of the gifted.
4. Demonstrates a contribution of time and effort in support of gifted individuals.
5. Provides resources and/or staff development to help teachers meet the needs of gifted students.
6. Encourages shared leadership and participation among other administrators, professionals, and /or community leaders.

The award will be given on December 3rd at the Texas Association of Gifted and Talented Association's 2009 Professional Development Conference to be held in Houston, Texas.