



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Members of the Goose Creek CISD family congratulate Dr. Toby York after the Goose Creek Board of Trustees named him the lone finalist for the superintendent post on Monday night.

## Dr. York named lone finalist for Goose Creek superintendent post

The Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees, at its meeting on May 4, 2009 named Dr. Toby York, currently the Interim Superintendent of GCCISD, to be the finalist for their superintendent/chief executive officer's position. By law, the Board must now wait 21 days before voting to hire Dr. York to replace Dr. Barbara Sultis who retired from the district as of January 5, 2009.

The Board has followed a lengthy process in determining the finalist. In early March 2009, the Board hired the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) to direct the search. TASB consultants were in the district on March 23 and 24 to meet with staff, students, and community groups to discuss desired characteristics of the new superintendent/chief executive officer.

A profile was developed from the input collected at these meetings. This profile was the yardstick used by the Board and consultants in evaluating the twenty-one applicants for the position. The Board of Trustees narrowed the applicant pool to six and interviewed these candidates during the week of April 20, 2009. Following the first round of interviews the Board invited two of the candidates for a second interview on Monday, April 27, and Tuesday April 28.

The Board will vote to offer a superintendent's contract to Dr. York at a specially called meeting in late May.

Dr. York has served as Interim Superintendent for GCCISD since Tuesday, January 6, 2009. He has been with GCCISD since 2001 when he was hired as the district's Executive Director of Student Services. Dr. York served as GCCISD Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services from 2002 to 2005. He served as Deputy Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services from 2005 to 2009. Prior to coming to Goose Creek, Dr. York served from 1998 to 2001 as Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for the 8,000-student New Caney ISD. There, he helped guide the academically acceptable school district to Recognized status for three consecutive years.

Dr. York also served as principal of New Caney High School from 1996 to 1998. Before that, he was an assistant principal at Oak Ridge High School in Conroe. Dr. York has also served as Athletic Director and football coach in Conroe and Cameron school districts. As a football coach, Dr. York was a member of the 1975 Texas A&M Southwest Conference championship team. He also coached two high school squads to state football titles.

Dr. York earned his bachelor's degree in education from Abilene Christian University in 1971, and his master's degree in educational administration from Texas A&M in 1976. He earned his doctorate degree in administration and supervision from the University of Houston in 1997.

Dr. York's wife, Denise, is an elementary school teacher in Conroe ISD and will retire at the end of this semester. Dr. York and his wife will relocate to the Baytown area this summer.

Goose Creek CISD serves more than 20,000 students in the communities of Baytown and Highlands. Encompassing a 128-square-mile area, GCCISD has one primary school, 14 elementary schools, five junior schools, and three high schools, as well as a wide range of special programs and services, including Stuart Career Center, the School Community Guidance Center, and the Alternative Learning Program.

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