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Proven Leader in FBISD, Kristin Tassin Seeks Re-Election for Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees, Position 4

MISSOURI CITY, TX – Kristin Tassin announced last Spring that she will seek re-election to the Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees, At-Large Position 4. Due to health considerations related to the novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, the May school board election was postponed to the November 3, 2020 General Election. Mrs. Tassin invites the Fort Bend ISD community to join her at her virtual Campaign Kickoff and Fundraising event scheduled for **Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.** You may register for the event at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdeuqqDstGtBpF5eGVslvaIKO4ByM2ier>

As a veteran Trustee in FBISD, Mrs. Tassin is a proven leader who has attained real results for students, staff and the community. She has implemented policy, programs and funding which has led to reduced property taxes, zero failing schools, teacher pay raises, increased student literacy, multiple new programs for at-risk students, unique mental health centers in schools, increased school safety measures, and a first-of-its-kind inclusive pre-school to support students with disabilities.

Since being elected to the FBISD Board of Trustees in 2014, Mrs. Tassin has served two years as Board President, one year as Board Secretary, four years as Legislative Liaison and on the Vision & Planning Committee, six-and-a-half years on the Board Internal Audit Committee, and is currently serving in the newly created position of Communications Liaison. During her time as President, Mrs. Tassin implemented several new initiatives including the Board “Listening Tour”, allowing the community to participate in round table discussions with Trustees at area high schools; Board “Literacy Tour”, promoting literacy and reading to elementary students; the Board Vision & Planning Committee, developing the Profile of a Graduate and District Goals; and joint Board meetings with Missouri City and Sugar Land City Councils. Also, while she was President, FBISD won both the H-E-B Outstanding Board in Texas and Outstanding Large District in Texas in 2017 and 2018, respectively. Mrs. Tassin is proud to be one of the FBISD Trustees that has funded and supported several programs for at-risk students and led the District to zero failing schools in 2019.

Mrs. Tassin has been an active advocate for FBISD at the state and national level. She has attended and presented at state and national advocacy and policy institutes. During the 2015, 2017 and 2019 legislative sessions, Mrs. Tassin attended hearings, testified before the Senate Education Committee and advocated for local control and local education funding. Mrs. Tassin has also

served as member and chair of a local legislative advisory committee on education for a state representative and in 2018 was appointed by Governor Abbott to the Texas Continuing Advisory Committee for Special Education.

As an attorney and special education advocate with over 24 years of experience, Mrs. Tassin is a natural advocate for the students, teachers and community in FBISD. She has been a leader in the state and outspoken on various subjects that affect education in FBISD including equity in education, school finance, special education, literacy and mental health, to name a few. Mrs. Tassin was instrumental in opening FBISD's Early Intervention Center, the first inclusive public pre-school of its kind in Texas.

Prior to serving on the FBISD Board, Mrs. Tassin was managing member of her law firm, Dry & Tassin, PLLC, where she practiced Intellectual Property and Special Education Law. In 2011, Mrs. Tassin was recognized as a "Texas Rising Star" by *Texas Super Lawyers Magazine*. In 2003, Mrs. Tassin and her husband, co-founded Father's Joy, a charitable organization that supports children with disabilities and their families. Through Father's Joy, Mrs. Tassin has organized conferences for educators, medical professionals and parents; presented on special education law, inclusive education and ethics in special education; given educational lectures to pediatric interns at Texas Children's Hospital; and led mission trips to provide education and support to families and educators of children with disabilities.

As a FBISD parent for fourteen years, Mrs. Tassin was founding PTO president at her children's Title 1 school where she served for three years. She has also served on fundraising committees, VIPs, event committees, booster clubs, and has been a volunteer in the FBISD mentor program.

Mrs. Tassin states, "It has been an honor and a privilege to work for the students, teachers and community of Fort Bend ISD these past six-and-a-half years. I have spent my time on the Board advocating for all students to receive high quality educational opportunities. Whether advocating at the state and national level, funding programs or teacher pay raises, or developing the Profile of a Graduate, our students and teachers have been at the forefront of every decision I make. I am proud to be part of the team of Trustees who have led the district to zero failing schools, opening the first Early Literacy and Early Intervention Centers, increasing school safety measures, and establishing mental health centers in our schools, all while being fiscally responsible and reducing property taxes. I will provide proven leadership for the challenges ahead to ensure each one of our students receives an exceptional education that meets their unique needs."

Mrs. Tassin and her husband, Shannon, are 24-year residents of Missouri City. They have three daughters, two who have graduated from and one currently attending FBISD schools.

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