

Superintendent Debbie Robert's Message:

**Windham appreciates Board of Trustees for providing
continuous support of correctional education efforts**

January 2011 is School Board Recognition Month -- a good time to spotlight the nine men and women appointed by the Governor's Office to oversee the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, serving as the Board of Trustees for the Windham School District. We celebrate the countless contributions of these dedicated leaders.

WSD's Board of Trustees works tirelessly, devoting hundreds of hours to lead Windham students to success. The Board shoulders critical responsibilities as advocates for correctional education in Texas. Trustees face difficult challenges and make hard decisions with the overall goal of promoting student achievement.

Working as a vital link between the state and the classroom, the board is responsible for approval of the WSD budget, guidelines supporting more than 77,000 students annually, and year-round oversight of teachers and administrative staff on 90 campuses statewide. Our trustees take part in graduations, staff development meetings, and countless other activities to better understand the environment and process of educating offenders for a better future. Meanwhile, they meet a full slate of their own professional and personal commitments.

The Windham School District Board of Trustees consists of Oliver J. Bell, Tom Mechler, Leopoldo "Leo" Vasquez III, Eric Gambrell. Carmen Villanueva-Hiles, Pastor Charles Lewis Jackson, Janice Harris Lord, R. Terrell McCombs and J. David Nelson.

We truly appreciate every board member for tackling the enormous job of governing our schools. You are helping us fight crime through education; you are helping us in our efforts to reduce recidivism in Texas. Thank you.