



TCSA Board Member

Eddie Conger

Superintendent Eddie Conger graduated from Texas A&M University in 1981 with a degree in Business Management. After graduation, Eddie went on to serve 20 years in the United States Marine Corps as an Infantry Officer. After retiring as a Major from the Marine Corps in 2001 while stationed in Okinawa, Japan, with his family, Eddie taught 5th grade Math in Dallas ISD and 7th grade Math in Garland ISD. He served a year each as Assistant Principal at a middle school and a high school in Garland ISD before leading Hillsboro Jr. High School for two years in which each of those two years the campus was rated by the Texas Education Agency as a Recognized campus. In 2008, Eddie was selected to lead Dallas ISD's Thomas Jefferson High School. Within his four years at Thomas Jefferson, the team significantly increased the graduation rate from only 52% to 81%, met all federal academic AYP standards, and started a Chinese language and student exchange program on a campus whose students were nearly 90% low social economic. By 2012 Thomas Jefferson had the largest Chinese program in Dallas ISD with over 600 students studying Chinese. Eddie resigned to lead the International Leadership of Texas Charter School District that he developed and which was approved on November 16th, 2012 by the Texas State Board of Education. The mission of ILTexas is to prepare students for exceptional leadership roles in the international community by emphasizing servant leadership, mastering English, Spanish, and Chinese, and strengthening the mind, the body and the character.

In August 2013 ILTexas opened its first campuses with over 2,500 students making it the largest first year charter school in the history of Texas. In August 2014 ILTexas opened two additional campuses and served over 4,600 students with over 6,000 students on a waiting list to attend. In 2015 the Texas Commissioner of Education approved ILTexas expansion request and currently there are five new campuses under construction with expected enrollment in September 2016 to be over 10,000 students working hard to master three languages. ILTexas is recognized by the College Board, Hanban, and the 100 Thousand Strong organization in Washington DC as the fastest growing k-12 schools in the United States teaching the Chinese language.