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AVID Congratulates 2026 National Superintendent of the Year Dr. Roosevelt Nivens



San Diego, CA — February 12, 2026 — Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is honored to recognize Dr. Roosevelt Nivens, Superintendent of Lamar Consolidated Independent School District in Rosenberg, Texas, as the 2026 National Superintendent of the Year by AASA, the School Superintendents Association. This distinction highlights leaders whose vision, clarity, and commitment help students access meaningful opportunity and rigorous learning.

Dr. Nivens’s leadership is defined by coherence, high expectations, and a deep belief in students. His strategic approach to strengthening Advanced Academics has placed AVID at the center of Lamar CISD’s support system. By aligning access and rigor, he has fostered a culture where students are prepared, challenged, and equipped to succeed.

His decision to hire and structure district teams to sustain this work demonstrates a clear understanding of how systems shape student experiences. Under Dr. Nivens’s leadership, the district built thoughtful, sustainable pathways that help teachers strengthen their practice and students improve their confidence and readiness.

This year’s national finalists reflect a shared commitment to expanding opportunity. Three of the four finalists represented school districts with strong AVID implementation, a testament to how purposeful, opportunity-driven leadership creates the conditions for student success.

“Dr. Nivens has shown that when a district aligns its vision, people, and structures around student readiness, AVID can be a powerful engine for progress,” said Dr. Thuan Nguyen, CEO of AVID. “His work in Lamar CISD has helped more students see themselves as

capable of advanced coursework and has given educators concrete tools to help students meet those higher expectations.”

AVID congratulates Dr. Nivens for this well-deserved honor and celebrates the intentional systems he has built to elevate student potential. His leadership shows what becomes possible when a district aligns its structures, people, and purpose to ensure every student is ready for their future.

AASA’s National Superintendent of the Year Program celebrates leaders who demonstrate excellence in learning, communication, professionalism, and community engagement. This year’s winner was announced February 12, 2026, at the AASA National Conference on Education in Nashville, Tennessee.

About AVID

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a national nonprofit that has been closing the opportunity gap in education for more than 45 years. Through evidence-based professional learning and schoolwide systems, AVID empowers educators to prepare all students for college, careers, and life. Since its founding, 3.65 million students have been enrolled in AVID Elective and AVID Elementary. An additional 7.08 million students have been impacted by AVID-trained educators across subject areas. AVID is implemented in more than 7,400 K–12 schools across the United States, plus schools in Washington, D.C.; the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA); the U.S. Virgin Islands; Canada; and Australia. Learn more at www.avid.org.

AVID’s impact in Texas can be seen through this [data snapshot](#).

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