



## American Association of School Personnel Administrators

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### VALENTA ELECTED TO AASPA EXECUTIVE BOARD

RENO, NV – Dr. Richard Valenta, Director of Personnel Services for the Birdville Independent School District in Haltom City, TX, has been elected region 5 representative to the executive board of the American Association of School Personnel Administrators (AASPA). Dr. Valenta was elected at the annual Region 5 Meeting on Oct. 12, 2011, at AASPA's 73rd Annual Conference in Reno, NV.

Dr. Valenta will serve as region representative for three years. His duties include representing region 5 (Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi) and serving as board liaison to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, as well as attending three board meetings per year. AASPA's executive board is made up of four officers and six region representatives from across the United States.

Throughout his 30 year career, Dr. Valenta has served as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, assistant athletic director and assistant personnel director. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington, his master's degree from the University of North Texas, and his doctorate degree from Walden University.

Dr. Valenta has worked with the Texas State Board for Educator Certification task force on certification realignment, which resulted in the new K-6 certificate. He also serves on advisory boards with area alternative programs and universities. In 2008, Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators named him School Personnel Administrator of the Year.

The American Association of School Personnel Administrators is an international organization that provides leadership in promoting effective human resource practices within education. Headquartered in Overland Park, Kan., AASPA holds an annual conference in October and various regional professional development opportunities throughout the year besides providing other valuable benefits to its 1800+ members. More information about AASPA can be found at [www.aaspa.org](http://www.aaspa.org).

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