



St. Thomas High School

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Dear Members of the St. Thomas High School Community:

It is my sincere honor to be selected as a finalist for principal of St. Thomas High School! As a St. Thomas alum, this opportunity represents a homecoming for my family and I. It is with the utmost gratitude and humility that I enter the next phase in the selection process.

Current Career Situation

I am currently in my second year as principal of Treasure Forest Elementary in Spring Branch ISD where I am responsible for the instructional and organizational leadership of over sixty teachers, leaders, and other staff members. The school's nearly six hundred students are 98% Hispanic, 85% English Language Learners, and 97% qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Prior to This

Prior to this I served as the principal at Garcia Elementary in Houston ISD where we transformed one of the city's lowest performing elementary schools into one recognized by the Texas Education Agency for academic performance in reading and top 25% in student growth. While in HISD I also served as the Dean of Students at Hamilton Middle School in the heart of the Heights. There I was responsible for the math department, sixth and seventh grade, facilities and maintenance, and led a three million dollar bond renovation. Prior to my leadership career I was a teacher and math content specialist in Fort Bend ISD.

Personal, Education, Family

My wife (Loren), our two boys (Ben and Sam), and our two dogs (Luna and Molly) and I live in the Spring Branch area and are parishioners at St. Michael's Catholic Church. We are diehard Texas Longhorn fans and love to spend Saturdays in the fall watching the game, enjoying the outdoors, and specializing in "one pot cooking." My father introduced me to the outdoors from an early age and I remain an avid fisherman and duck hunter.

As natives of the Houston area my family grew up as parishioners of St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Sugar Land, and my sisters and I all attended local Catholic grade schools and high schools. I am a proud graduate of St. Thomas High School. There I learned the values of goodness, discipline, and knowledge that helped shape me into the man I am today. My undergraduate degree is from The University of Texas at Austin, I earned my masters in educational administrations from The University of Houston, and I am currently back at The University of Texas pursuing my doctoral work where my research focuses on the competitive market place in education.

Closing Comment

I recently had the pleasure of visiting with Fr. Storey and was excited to hear that his vision for St. Thomas High School mirrored mine—to lead our beloved high school into the future as the premier all boys, Catholic, college-prep, high school in the country. The Lord has flooded St. Thomas High School with resources and blessings beyond what is humanly possible; however, multiple generations of students, faculty, and their families have dedicated their labor and love to mold those gifts into a truly special place for boys to learn, thrive, and grow into strong leaders, and good men. The opportunity to be a steward of those blessings for our God and the St. Thomas community is one that I take seriously and am humbled to pursue. Thank you for the opportunity to be the next principal at St. Thomas. Eagle fight never dies!

Thank you for your consideration.

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