

THOMAS LAY BURROUGHS AWARD FOR THE STATE'S OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

The State Board of Education invites you to nominate your local board president for the Thomas Lay Burroughs Award for the State's Outstanding School Board President.

This award was created in 1991 in memory of the late ISBE chairman and is presented each November at the IASB/IASA/IASBO conference in Chicago. This year, the conference will be held on November 20-22 and the award will be presented on Sunday morning, November 22.

The Burroughs Award is intended to recognize extraordinary leadership on behalf of education at the local level, especially through characteristics similar to those shown by Tom Burroughs. The criteria for this award recognize the following three areas of accomplishment:

- Leadership on behalf of improved student learning and educational excellence,
- Leadership on behalf of equal educational opportunities, and
- Leadership in resolving a crisis or major difficulty.

For the purpose of this award, leadership is defined as including *group skills*, such as consensus-building and teamwork, as well as *individual traits* such as vision, courage, integrity, etc.

If you are fortunate enough to have a board president who has provided outstanding leadership in **one or all of these areas**, we hope you will nominate him or her for the 2009 Burroughs Award. Anyone who has served as president of a local school board in 2009 is eligible for consideration, including those who might have been nominated in prior years.

The Award Criteria listed on the next page should serve as your guide in preparing the nomination materials, which should not exceed six (6) double-spaced typewritten pages. **List each of the three areas of leadership and give specific examples that pertain to your nominee.**

Keep in mind that you do not need to address each of the criteria. For example, your district may not have had a crisis or major difficulty or your board president may be especially strong in one area. However, for each of the criteria that you do address, your nomination must clearly and separately identify the relevant leadership actions of the board president.

To assist the reviewers of these nominations, we would like to ask you to provide selected personal information about the nominee as well as demographic information about the district. Please use the attached Nomination Format as a guide when preparing your nomination.

Nominations should be submitted via email as indicated below **by the close of business on October 16, 2009**. You may send the nomination via email to: jladage@isbe.net. Please indicate the subject of the email is Burroughs Nomination. If you have questions, call Jean Ladage or Marsha Moffett at 217/557-6626.

Many individuals on local school boards deserve special recognition for their service to students and the community, and it is a privilege for us to do so through the Burroughs Award. We hope you will join us in this effort by nominating your own board president.

Thomas Lay Burroughs Award for the State's Outstanding School Board President

Award Criteria

How well the nominee has demonstrated extraordinary leadership:

- **on behalf of improved student learning and educational excellence,**
- **on behalf of equal educational opportunities, and/or**
- **in resolving a crisis or major difficulty.**

Leadership in the context of a seven-member school board that represents the citizens of a community must include group skills such as consensus building and teamwork, as well as individual traits such as vision, courage, integrity, etc.

Nomination materials should be limited to six (6) double-spaced typewritten pages. Please remember to base any essays or materials on the three criteria listed above and how the nominee has demonstrated any or all of the three.

Please send them to the attention of Jean Ladage, Board Services Coordinator:

email: jladage@isbe.net

Subject: Burroughs Nomination

The deadline for receipt of nominations is October 16, 2009.

THOMAS LAY BURROUGHS AWARD NOMINATION FORMAT

Background Information

1. Name of Nominee
2. Number of Years on School Board
3. Number of Years as President
4. School District Name
5. School District Type (elementary, high school, unit)
6. School District Enrollment
7. School District's per Capita Expenditure

Areas of Accomplishment by the Nominee

1. Personal leadership on behalf of improved student learning and educational excellence
2. Personal leadership on behalf of equal educational opportunities
3. Personal leadership in resolving a crisis or major difficulty