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e-mentoring Esq.

Mentor Newsletter

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Well Done!!!

Thanks to your hard work, Dallas ISD recognized the DBA and DAYL for its E-Mentoring, Esq. and other programs with the 2007 Superintendent's Award for Volunteer-of-the-Year!!!

In addition, members of the program met with ABA President Karen Mathis at Dallas ISD's Headquarters to discuss the impact of the program. President Mathis is showcasing the program in her tour across the U.S. as the model to replicate!



Members of Dallas ISD and the DBA E-mentoring Committee meet with ABA President Karen Mathis. From left: Kirstin Donahue Dietel, Holland Sullivan, Mary Goodrich, Van VanBebber, ABA President Karen Mathis, DBA President Beverly Godbey, Marcela Garza, Loraine Lee, Sherri Cleaver, and Clyde Pikes.

WHY THESE SCHOOLS?

Dallas ISD has a drop-out rate of about 50% compared to a national average of about 30%.

70 - 90% of the students attending the schools in which the E-mentoring program operates live in low-income households.

Moving Ahead

Next Year, the E-Mentoring, Esq. program will be supporting TEN schools in Dallas ISD:

Samuell High School
Seagoville High School
Spruce High School
Molina High School
Woodrow Wilson High School
Roosevelt High School
Greiner Middle School
Hood Middle School
Long Middle School
and introducing Comstock Middle School

The committee is working hard with Dallas ISD's IT department to address and correct the difficulties we encountered last year in getting all of our mentors certified by Dallas ISD as volunteers. We have arranged for our mentors to have **exclusive access** to the Dallas ISD volunteer certification system for a limited period of time in July in order to get everyone certified before the big Kick-Off meetings in October.

We will do our best to keep you matched with your current students next year, although some adjusting will inevitably be necessary.

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