

## **Rick Reedy, Ed.D**

### **Biographical Sketch**

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Richard E. Reedy was born in Whitesboro, Texas, in 1948. One of six high-achieving brothers and sisters, Dr. Reedy likes to joke that he is the only sibling who was not valedictorian of his/her graduating class. Dr. Reedy's mother was an educator, and although an education was valued in his home, he credits a caring community and a scholarship opportunity for giving him the kind of assistance he needed to continue his learning beyond high school. That jump-start spurred him on to becoming a driving force, along with the FISD Board of Trustees, in beginning a Foundation in 1999 to provide scholarships for seniors and innovative teaching grants. Since its inception, the Foundation has given out more than \$1.2 million in scholarships and \$102,000 in Grants for Great Ideas. FISD employees commit more than \$100,000 annually through a payroll deduction program, a tribute to the giving spirit of the FISD as an organization.

Dr. Reedy obtained all three of his degrees from Texas A&M Commerce – a bachelor's degree in 1970, a master's degree in 1973, and a doctoral degree in 1990. He began his teaching career in 1970 in Whitewright ISD. From there he went to Trenton ISD for four years and then came to Frisco ISD as a middle school teacher/coach in 1976. He became assistant principal at Frisco High in 1979, and became its principal in 1981. In the summer of 1992 he became assistant superintendent and took on the role of superintendent in 1997.

Dr. Reedy believes it is important to give back to the community and to also stay involved within one's professional organizations in order to stay current and abreast of leading issues. He is an honorary member in the Frisco Noon Rotary Club, and has served on the board of the Frisco Chamber of Commerce and Frisco's Future, along with the North Texas Medical Center Board and the board of With Love, It's a Small World, a charitable organization. He is also an ex-officio member of the Frisco Education Foundation Board. He has served on numerous boards and committees at the state and local level including Academic Decathlon Board, UIL Region 24 Music Committee, TASA Legislative Committee, UIL Legislative Committee, Texas Association of Suburban and Mid Urban Schools, Fast Growth Schools Coalition, Region 10 ESC TASA Study Group, and the Collin County Commissioners Outdoor Education Committee. Dr. Reedy was an active participant in the Public Education Visioning Institute, formed in September of 2006, and is currently involved in the newly formed North Texas Regional Consortium designed to continue the work of the Visioning Institute.

Dr. Reedy has been listed in the Collin County Business Journal's 21 Leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; has been honored with the Frisco Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year award and was recognized as Educator of the Month in the Texas School Business magazine. He was honored as a Living Legend for 2009 by the Collin College Foundation.

He and his wife Judith have been married 40 years and have three sons, all graduates of FHS. Matt works for Camelot Communications and is married to Amy; they have three sons, Nathan, Ryan and Luke, who attend FISD schools. Amy is a school nurse for

the district. Sons Blake and Ross teach and coach; Blake's wife, Katie, is also a teacher. Judith is senior pastor at a local United Methodist Church.

In his spare time, Dr. Reedy enjoys playing golf and tennis and reading.