



BOYS RANCH
FOUNDED BY CAL FARLEY

June 10, 2024

Mr. Mike Morath
Commissioner
Texas Education Agency
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701-1494

Dear Commissioner Morath,

In my capacity as President and Chief Executive Officer of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, I request that the State Board of Education, at its September meeting, reappoint Mark Strother to the Boys Ranch Independent School District (BRISD) Board of Trustees. Mr. Strother is qualified under Texas Law and meets all requirements.

The following documents are provided: resume, signed statement expressing willingness to accept appointment and serve in full adherence to the state-established standards for school board members and certifying that the biographical information is true and correct, and background check information.

I understand that the BRISD Board of Trustees has the power to govern and oversee management of the district, and my power as President and Chief Executive Officer of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch is limited to duty as defined by statutes relating to the process of appointing members to the BRISD Board of Trustees. I also certify that the membership composition of the BRISD Board of Trustees is in full compliance with the provisions of the Texas Education Code, section 11.352. I further certify that the role of the BRISD superintendent is in full compliance with the provisions of the Texas Education Code, section 11.201.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 806-322-2609 or via email at richardnedelkoff@calfarley.org.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to confirmation of this appointment.

Sincerely,

Richard Nedelkoff
President and Chief Executive Officer

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MARK STROTHER

EXPERIENCE **Cal Farley's – Amarillo, Texas – April 2002 to present**

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (2009 – present)

- Responsible for all aspects of residential childcare operations at Cal Farley's including youth program design, implementation and evaluation, provision of training and related activities.
- Responsible for all aspects of the physical campus of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.
- Responsible for all aspects of the physical ranch and various program and revenue generating aspects.
- Responsible for off-ranch revenue generating aspects – oil and gas, wind and solar generation, land management.

Director of Program Development, Training, and Program Evaluation (2002 – 2009)

- Facilitate in the development of new programs and services and in the redesign of existing ones.
- Train and supervise the training of youth workers, social workers, and support staff for the entire agency.
- Facilitate the evaluation of program and service outcomes.
- Facilitate Continuous Quality Improvement initiatives.

Lee & Beulah Moor Children's Home – El Paso, Texas – March 1992 to April 2002

- Responsible for residential youth programs.

EDUCATION **MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION - UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX – SANTA TERESA, NEW MEXICO** **BACHELORS DEGREE IN BUSINESS - UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX – SANTA TERESA, NEW MEXICO**

LEADERSHIP **Currently serving on the Board of Directors for CYC-Net.**

An international association serving Child and Youth Care Workers.

Currently serving on the Board of Directors (Advisor) for Association of Children's Residential and Community Services (ACRC).

Currently Serving as BRISD School Board President

2011-2013 President of the Board for the American Re-ED Association

STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY
BOYS RANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT REQUEST
FOR
MARK STROTHER

I, **Mark Strother**, verify that I am qualified under the general school laws of Texas to be a BRISD School Board Trustee. I certify that the attached biographical information is true and correct. I am willing to accept the appointment as BRISD School Board Trustee and serve in such capacity with full adherence to the state-established standards for the duties and responsibilities of school board members.



Mark Strother (signature)

04.02.2024

Date