

Greg Ollis officially became Superintendent of Channelview Independent School District on August 19, 2008. During his tenure, he has been able to help transform the district by working closely with the staff to successfully improve the quality of instruction and ultimately raising student achievement; and facilitating the passing of a \$111 million Bond Referendum that included construction of new schools and upgrades to existing buildings and facilities.

After graduation from Eastern Michigan University where Mr. Ollis received his Bachelor of Science Degree, Mr. Ollis worked as a history/world geography teacher and coach in Michigan before moving to Texas. His arrival in the Houston area landed him a position as a coach and teacher in Galena Park Independent School District.

Over the past 21 years, Mr. Ollis has held several administrative positions in Channelview, serving as Assistant Principal at DeZavala Elementary, Principal of Hamblen Elementary, and Assistant Superintendent of Administration. Prior to becoming Superintendent he served in the capacity of Interim Superintendent for one year. Mr. Ollis received his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Stephen F. Austin University. He also earned his Superintendent's Certification from Lamar University.

Mr. Ollis is married to Cindi Ollis, also a successful life-long educator and together they have two children, Bryan and Jennifer, and one grandson, Kaleb. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family, attending student events, actively participating in the community, and serves on the Board of the North Channel Chamber of Commerce.

To summarize his feelings about why educators do what we do, Mr. Ollis always refers to this poem by Garre LaGrone:

We must be ever mindful,
In our noble quest,
To strive each day and collaborate
To help children do their best.

We're not in private practice.
Personal gain is not our concern
Our ultimate goal, as we all know,
Is to help all children learn.

On our glorious mission
Let us not forget,
It's not about you
And it's not about me.
It's all about the kids.