

## **Dr. Richard A. Middleton**

Richard A. Middleton joined the College Board on April 29, 2011 and served as vice president for the Southwestern Region Office, based in Austin, Texas, until 2016. He had overall responsibility for leading the management and operation of the SWRO's staff and serving the College Board's secondary and higher education clients in Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

He was Superintendent of the North East Independent School District from 1990-2011. During that time, the district received many state and national awards for academic excellence. As an education leader, Richard has achieved a number of successes including serving two terms on the Board of Directors for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of teaching, leading the development of a wellness program recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, passing several bond elections to meet needs for student growth, renovation, and technology, opening 17 new schools to accommodate district growth; and working with the Texas Education Commissioner and other agencies to develop statewide education models as well as the development of the Texas STEM academies. He was selected to be the Texas Nominee for 2011 AASA Superintendent of the Year.