



Renda Songer was born in Dallas, TX and raised in the DFW area. Upon High School Graduation she worked for the family business for some time and eventually ventured out on her own as an entrepreneur. She attended Tarleton State University where she received her Bachelor's degree in Business Management and her Master's Degree in Public Administration. She ventured into K-12 education unexpectedly as a high school teacher for Mesquite ISD. Family moves propelled a journey through Palestine ISD, Keller ISD, and then Community ISD. While at Community ISD, Renda worked with an innovative, stellar team of school leaders including the Region 10 Superintendent of the year for 2019, to restructure and create innovative CTE programs and College and Career Readiness Strategies that increased CTE funding by more than 1 million dollars, and transformed the once "C" rated district into an "A" rated district over the course of 2 years.

Renda left Community ISD to work for the Region 10 Education Service Center as a CTE Specialist and Grant Writer. Finally, her last *official* stop in K-12 was at Farmersville ISD as the Director of State & Federal Programs.

Renda considers herself to be a life-long learner and has spent her entire adult life in school! After becoming a certified educator, she earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Lamar University, followed by making a hobby out of taking Texas SBOE Certification Tests! She holds Texas State Board of Educator Certifications in 6-12 Business/Finance, K-12 Technology Applications, 8-12 Trade and Industrial Education, and K-12 Principal as an Instructional Leader. She is about half way through the arduous journey to a Doctorate at Liberty University. Combining knowledge of public administration and education has provided her with the tools necessary to serve as a successful grant writer. She has successfully authored numerous Texas Education Agency, Texas Workforce Commission, US Department of Education, Agriculture, Justice, and Energy grants for a growing number of school districts. Renda is currently employed as the Senior Education Consultant for the GREAT State of Texas with [Paxton Patterson College & Career Ready Labs](#). She

is also proud to serve on the Executive Leadership Board of the Foundation for Advancement of Career and Technical Education (FACT Ed). She believes in their simple vision, "It's a FACT...CTE Changes Lives". Renda loves being at the Beach, reading and writing, and spending time with her HUGE family including husband Jimmy, 5 daughters, Amanda, Haley, Shelby, Darby and Riley, and son Jackson. She is also tickled to share that she has three grandchildren, Hudson, Madison, and Heldi. She can be reached at [renda@paxpat.com](mailto:renda@paxpat.com) or [renda@ctechangeslives.org](mailto:renda@ctechangeslives.org).  
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