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### DSISD HONORS CAMPUS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) has announced 2015 Campus Teachers of the Year. The five Teachers of the Year are: **Sherilyn Beard** (Walnut Springs Elementary, Special Education), **Jean Boutin** (Rooster Springs Elementary, Special Education), **Heather Fontenot** (Dripping Springs Middle School, Math), **Stephanie Love** (Dripping Springs Elementary, fourth grade) and **Cindy Reynolds** (Dripping Springs High School, Business/CATE).

The five campus winners are now eligible for the DSISD Elementary Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year awards, which will be announced at the Board of Trustees meeting May 26, 2015. Those two winners will represent Dripping Spring ISD in the state Teacher of the Year contest.

Below is a brief career summary on each of the five campus winners:

**SHERILYN BEARD:** Sherilyn Beard has been a Special Education teacher in DSISD for 15 years, including seven years at Dripping Springs High School before moving to Walnut Springs Elementary in 2010. Until 2014, Ms. Beard also was an assistant coach at DSHS, working with softball, volleyball and girls' basketball. Before coming to Dipping Springs, she taught in Calhoun County for 6 years. She is certified to teach both Special Education and Physical Education at all grade levels (PreK-12), as well as Health Education. Ms. Beard earned a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Texas A&M University.

**JEAN BOUTIN:** Jean Boutin is in her 11th year as a Special Education teacher in Dripping Springs ISD after spending five year as an instructional aide in the district. She earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Texas State University, and is certified in Special Education for all grade levels (PK-12).

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**HEATHER FONTENOT:** Heather Fontenot has been teaching Math and Gifted/Talented (GT) Math at Dripping Springs Middle School for nine years. Previously, she spent 12 years in a similar position in Austin ISD. Ms. Fontenot, who earned her bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Texas State University, is certified in math for Grades 1-8.

**STEPHANIE LOVE:** Stephanie Love, a fourth-grade teacher at Dripping Springs Elementary, is in her 12th year in DSISD and her 26<sup>th</sup> year in education. She also spent six years teaching in Del Valle ISD and seven in Rockwall ISD after beginning her career with one year in Medina Valley ISD. Ms. Love graduated from Texas State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in education; she is certified in both elementary education and music.

**CINDY REYNOLDS:** Cindy Reynolds has been teaching Business courses at Dripping Springs High School for six years. Currently, she teaches "Business Concepts" and "Entrepreneurship" and also manages student business capstone projects. Ms. Reynolds earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Business Administration from Texas Tech University and is certified in Business Education for Grades 6-12.

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