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WSE's Vickery Wins State Award

Walnut Springs Elementary Facilitator for Learning and Innovation Marisa Vickery has been selected as the "High Impact Teacher of the Year" presented by TCEA. She was presented with her award at a ceremony Feb. 7, 2017. The award is presented to a teacher who exhibits exemplary use of technology and recognizes and uses a wide variety of technology tools to enhance the learning of all students.

Mrs. Vickery has taught at Walnut Springs Elementary for eight years and 18 years overall. At WSE she is in her fourth year as Facilitator of Learning and Innovation, a role that includes serving as a resource for teachers to assist with instructional strategies, overseeing the school's library functions, and leading campus technology initiatives. Previously Mrs. Vickery taught kindergarten and first grade at the school. Before coming to DSISD she spent five years in Austin ISD. She also taught Computer Design at the middle school level in San Diego.

A native of San Diego, Mrs. Vickery earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from San Diego State University and did graduate work at Texas State University.

The award will be announced on Feb. 7 at the TCEA Educator Awards reception. Mrs. Vickery also will be presenting at the upcoming 2017 Texas Computer Science Association (TCEA) conference, marking the third time she has served as a conference presenter to educators. This year she has been selected as a mentor for SxSWedu and will be presenting a session at the 2017 SxSWedu about the Drone Education program she began last year at Walnut Springs. In addition, she will be presenting at the 2017 ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) conference in San Antonio.