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DRIPPING SPRINGS ISD IS FINALIST FOR H-E-B BOARD AWARD

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—The Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) School Board is one of five finalists statewide for the H-E-B Excellence in Education awards program 2017 School Board of the Year. This prestigious award recognizes school boards that demonstrate strong leadership in the community.

The H-E-B awards program honors districts, teachers, principals and school boards each year. This is the first year the DSISD has been nominated for the board award. As a district, DSISD was a finalist for the past three years for District of the Year.

The finalists were chosen based on an application packet submitted by the Board; each finalist will receive \$5,000. To determine overall statewide winners, a panel of judges will visit each district, meet with the Board, and talk with administration, staff, students, community members, and parents. The statewide winner, which will be announced May 7, receives \$25,000.

Dripping Springs ISD's Board is comprised of: President Carrie Fontana Kroll, Vice President Barbara Stroud, Secretary Shelly Reeves, Dr. Mary Jane Hetrick, Ron Jones, Shannon O'Connor and Jon Thompson.

Other finalists in the School Board division this year are Harlingen ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD, and Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD.

H-E-B launched the Excellence in Education Awards program in cooperation with the Texas Association of School Administrators in 2002 as a positive way to support public education in Texas. It has become the largest monetary program for educators in the state, spotlighting best practices and celebrating the passion and creativity of Texas educators. Since the program's inception, H-E-B has awarded more than \$8.5 million in funding to benefit outstanding Texas public schools.

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