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DSE TEACHER IS FINALIST FOR H-E-B EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION STATE AWARD

Dripping Springs Elementary art teacher Molly McFee is one of five finalists statewide for the H-E-B Excellence in Education Leadership Elementary Teacher of the Year. The Leadership category indicates outstanding teachers with 10 to 20 years of experience.

The honor was kept a surprise from the educators, who learned they were finalists when H-E-B representatives visited their classrooms and schools with balloons, cookies, and flowers. Finalists were presented with a \$1,000 check, and their schools also received \$1,000.

Molly McFee has been teaching art at Dripping Springs Elementary for six years, providing instruction to more than 800 students. Previously she taught art in Klein ISD for four years. Ms. McFee earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio in Art.

All finalists will be invited to Austin May 5 for an awards ceremony, after interviewing as part of the statewide selection for larger cash prizes.

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.