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Twenty-six Texas public schools named NCLB- Blue Ribbons Schools

AUSTIN – Twenty-six Texas public schools were today named No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education.

This national program recognizes outstanding public and private schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic and consistent gains in student achievement. Under the program guidelines, Texas may nominate a maximum of 26 public schools for the award each year. This year all 26 nominees were selected to receive the award.

Schools nominated for the recognition must meet one of two criteria:

1. At least 40 percent of a school's student body must come from disadvantaged backgrounds and students must show dramatic improvement in performance on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) over the past three years in reading or English language arts and mathematics; or
2. The schools' students must be ranked in the top 10 percent on tests in reading or English language arts and mathematics.

In addition, Blue Ribbon Schools must also meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in reading or English language arts and mathematics, must not be identified as a "Persistently Dangerous" school within the last two years, and be in compliance with other USDE requirements.

Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott said, "The Blue Ribbon School award brings well deserved recognition to these 26 outstanding schools and demonstrates that you can find excellent performance in schools of all sizes. I'm proud that the U.S. Department of Education's award recognizes the strong academic work that is occurring in our schools."

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings and the Department of Education will honor the Blue Ribbon School recipients and highlight their achievements at a ceremony in Washington D.C. on Oct. 20-21. The award recipients will be recognized as national models of excellence.

A list of the Texas public schools named the 2008 NCLB—Blue Ribbon Schools follows.

**Texas NCLB--Blue Ribbon School Nominees in Top 10% of Test Results
(With at least 40% Disadvantaged Students)**

Campus Name	District	Principal
Ben Milam Elementary School	Dallas ISD	Ms. Anna Galvan
Centerville Elementary School	Garland ISD	Ms. Ramona Aguilar
Schulenburg Elementary School	Schulenburg ISD	Ms. Martha Skelton
Taylor Ray Elementary School	Lamar CISD	Ms. Diane Parks
Hartsfield Elementary School	Houston ISD	Ms. Joyce Williams
Peck Elementary School	Houston ISD	Ms. Carlotta Brown
Club Estates Elementary School	Corpus Christi ISD	Ms. Lynda De Leon
Bivins Elementary School	Amarillo ISD	Mr. Tom Panger
Landergin Elementary School	Amarillo ISD	Mrs. Kimberly Lackey
School of Business & Management	Dallas ISD	Ms. Edith Krutilek

**Texas NCLB--Blue Ribbon School Nominees Showing Significant Improvement in Test Results
(With at least 40% Disadvantaged Students)**

Harvard Elementary School	Houston ISD	Mr. Kevin Beringer
Shaw SES Elementary School	Corpus Christi ISD	Ms. Faye Webb
Slaton High School	Slaton ISD	Ms. Chris Kennedy
Liberty-Eylau Middle School	Liberty-Eylau ISD	Ms. Christy Tidwell
Pin Oak Middle School	Houston ISD	Mr. Michael McDonough

**Texas NCLB--Blue Ribbon School Nominees in Top 10% of Test Results
(With fewer than 40% Disadvantaged Students)**

Roan Forest Elementary School	North East ISD	Ms. Ruth Wayne
Shepard Elementary School	Plano ISD	Mrs. Mary Spickler
Anderson Elementary School	Frisco ISD	Ms. Teresa Wilkinson
Lakewood Elementary School	Dallas ISD	Ms. Michelle Thompson
Big Springs Elementary School	Richardson ISD	Ms. Denise May
Samuel Beck Elementary	Northwest ISD	Ms. Deborah McCune
Liberty Elementary School	Eagle Pass ISD	Mr. Rolando Salinas
Carnegie Vanguard High School	Houston ISD	Mr. Ramon Moss
Cinco Ranch High School	Katy ISD	Ms. Bonnie Brasic
Wylie High School	Wylie ISD	Mr. Mitch Davis
Boerne Middle School South	Boerne ISD	Dr. Janey Hunt