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Trautmann Elementary School nominated by TEA for 2010 Blue Ribbon School Award

Trautmann Elementary School was nominated for the 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools Award informed the Texas Education Agency today. Commissioner Robert Scott announced the nomination of only 26 public schools in the State of Texas for this prestigious recognition.

“On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I would like to congratulate School Principal Cynthia Rodriguez and all of the hard working faculty and staff at Trautmann Elementary School. You make United I.S.D. proud,” said United Independent School District Superintendent Roberto J. Santos.

The award honors schools for academic excellence and making significant progress in closing the achievement gap. For the past 27 years, this prestigious program has honored more than 5,800 of America's most successful schools, including almost 500 Texas schools. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools. The schools are selected based on one of two criteria:

- Schools that dramatically improve student performance to high levels on state tests;
- Schools whose students achieve in the top 10 percent of their state on state tests.

The nominated schools were recommended by an intra-agency committee that examined student achievement statistics for the more than 8,000 public school and charter campuses in the state. The schools selected have demonstrated success in closing the achievement gap and each school has an economically disadvantaged population of 40 percent or greater. Schools nominated for the award serve as models of best practices for schools across the state.

Trautmann Elementary School, and other nominated schools, will now complete a rigorous application process through the U.S. Department of Education. Announcements of the award winners will be made in September 2010.

Schools that receive the prestigious award are recognized at the Blue Ribbon School conference in Washington, D.C.

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