

## Plano Independent School District

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### PLANO ISD SCHOOL BOARD NAMED TOP 5 FINALIST FOR 2025 H-E-B EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

**PLANO, TEXAS - January 27, 2025** – Plano Independent School District is excited to announce its Board of Trustees has been named a finalist for the 2025 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards.

Plano ISD is one of five finalists for this prestigious honor. The seven-member team includes Board President Nancy Humphrey, Vice President Dr. Lauren Tyra, Board Secretary Tarrah Lantz, and Trustees Jeri Chambers, Katherine Goodwin, Angela Powell and Michael Cook. The board is the governing body for the district, making decisions on policy and programs in the best interests of students, and communicating with the Plano ISD community.

The award honors school boards that have exhibited exceptional leadership measured by three criteria:

- Academic and student progress within the district
- Identification of community needs and implementation of specific actions addressing them
- Innovative approaches to community engagement

“This nomination reflects the commitment of our entire school board, educators, staff and community to provide an outstanding educational experience for every student,” said Plano ISD Superintendent Dr. Theresa Williams. “Our board invests countless hours, leveraging their expertise and passion to create opportunities for every student in Plano ISD. Their dedication transforms our district's mission of 'educating, inspiring and empowering every student to activate their unique potential' from a statement into reality.”

Plano ISD will receive \$5,000 for being named a finalist. A panel of judges will tour each finalist's district to engage with administration, staff, parents and community members to determine the winner. Winners will be announced at the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards ceremony on Sunday, May 4, at the Hilton Austin. If selected, Plano ISD will receive up to \$25,000.

Joining Plano ISD in the School Board category are:

- Clear Creek ISD
- Gregory-Portland ISD
- Lamar CISD
- New Braunfels ISD

[Visit the H-E-B Excellence in Education page](#) to learn more and see the complete list of all finalists.

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### **About Plano Independent School District**

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) ([www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu)) endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs more than 6,500 staff members who serve nearly 47,000 students in 72 schools and 11 service facilities. Mission: Our Plano ISD learning community will educate, inspire and empower every student to activate their unique potential in a dynamic world.

### **About H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards**

Since the program's inception in 2002, H-E-B has awarded more than \$14 million in funding to outstanding Texas teachers, counselors, principals, public schools, early childhood centers, school boards, and school districts. Each year, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards program awards cash prizes to honor educators and educational leaders. H-E-B will donate \$90,000 (\$5,000 each) to 18 finalists (five early childhood facilities, five public school boards and eight school districts across Texas.)