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ALL EANES ISD SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT RECEIVE EXEMPLARY RATINGS

Second consecutive year for extraordinary achievement

AUSTIN, Texas—All nine schools in the Eanes Independent School District and the district as a whole have received “Exemplary” status in the 2010 school accountability ratings released today by the Texas Education Agency. This is the second consecutive year that all Eanes schools and the district have received that distinction.

Statewide, 239 (19.3 percent) districts were Exemplary; however, only 72 districts (5.8 percent), including Eanes, earned the Exemplary rating by meeting the absolute standards. Some districts received improved ratings by using the Texas Projection Measure (TPM).

Statewide, 31.1 percent of all schools statewide were designated as Exemplary. Only 11.4 percent of high schools statewide received an Exemplary designation with Westlake High School as one of the largest. At the middle school level, 20.1 percent of schools statewide were Exemplary, including EISD’s Hill Country Middle School and West Ridge Middle School.

The ratings are based primarily on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) and State-Developed Alternative Assessment (SDAA) test results and include five subject areas (Reading/Language Arts, Writing, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science). At least 90 percent of the students in a school and in every sub-population with enough representation to qualify must “Meet Standard” on the test for a school to be rated Exemplary.

“To accomplish Exemplary ratings district-wide for two consecutive years is a remarkable achievement,” Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nola Wellman said. “Our students are well-prepared for academic challenges, including various assessments, thanks to the diligence and commitment of our teachers and staff.”

Compared to state averages, a higher percentage of Eanes ISD students “Met Standard” and reached the “Commended” status in all subjects at all grade levels.

Schools in Eanes ISD are: Westlake High School, Hill Country Middle School, West Ridge Middle School, Barton Creek Elementary, Bridge Point Elementary, Cedar Creek Elementary, Eanes Elementary, Forest Trail Elementary and Valley View Elementary.

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