

Humble ISD honored as finalist in H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards program



Members of the Humble ISD Board of Trustees pause for a photo at the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards dinner in Austin with Rep. Dan Huberty. From left: Parliamentarian Robert Sitton, Vice President Brent Engalage, President Charles Cunningham, Keith Lapeze, Superintendent Dr. Guy Sconzo and Rep. Dan Huberty.

Humble ISD was honored as a finalist in the Large District category of the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards Program in Austin on May 3. Humble ISD was among five large districts statewide in the running for the title of 2013 H-E-B Large District Winner and a cash prize of \$100,000, which went to Round Rock ISD. Other finalists in the Large District category included Lewisville ISD, McAllen ISD and Southwest ISD. There were 24 Large Districts honored as semifinalists.

“Being recognized by H-E-B, a longtime supporter of public education, and celebrating alongside other great educators in the State, was a very rewarding experience,” said Humble ISD Superintendent Dr. Guy Sconzo. “We were all very excited to be a part of this year’s Excellence in Education program.”

To compete among the best in the State, Humble ISD submitted an application and essays to demonstrate the District’s commitment to academic excellence, student achievement, innovative learning, efficient use of resources and community involvement. Upon being named a Finalist, Humble ISD was visited by a panel of judges who gained further insight of District operations and programs, visited campuses and spoke with various leaders and members of the Humble ISD community.

Three Humble ISD teachers were also named statewide semifinalists, including Robin Pullen (Kingwood Park High School), Tanya Easley (Humble High School), and Josefina Salumunek, Special Ed. Facilitator. Robert Atteberry, Principal, Kingwood Middle School, was also named a semifinalist in the Secondary Principal category.

Humble ISD was awarded a \$5,000 cash prize as a finalist, which went to fund Camp Nobis Est, a camp dedicated to helping elementary school students transition to middle school.

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 by spotlighting best practices and celebrating the passion and creativity of Texas educators.

Since the program’s inception, H-E-B has given nearly \$6 million, making it the state’s largest monetary award program dedicated to education.