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TO: DR. RODRIGUEZ, SUPERINTENDENT

FROM: SHERYL JACKS, CHIEF OF SCHOOLS

SUBJECT: TEXAS ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (TAEA) DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION AWARD

This recognition represents a historic achievement for Goose Creek CISD, as this is the first time in district history that GCCISD has earned the TAEA District of Distinction designation.

More than 1,200 school districts were eligible for consideration for the 2025–2026 academic year, with only 127 districts receiving this statewide honor. To earn the designation, Goose Creek CISD's Visual Arts program met or exceeded a rigorous 14-point rubric examining areas including TAEA participation, exhibitions and competitions, community engagement, field experiences, community service, interdisciplinary collaboration, and visual arts learning opportunities across grade levels.

This distinction recognizes the exceptional work of our Visual Arts educators and their commitment to providing meaningful, high-quality creative experiences for students throughout Goose Creek CISD. It also continues the historic momentum of GCCISD Fine Arts, following the district's recognition earlier this year as a 2026 Best Community for Music Education.

Goose Creek CISD will officially receive the TAEA District of Distinction Award on November 13, 2026, during the TAEA Conference at Moody Gardens in Galveston.