

**Recognition  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
August 25, 2020**

**Guyer High's Math Dept Chair recognized with highest honor by PAEMST**

The President's Office recently announced the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) and honored Guyer High School's Bridget Matamoros-Mota as the lone recipient for the state of Texas.

"This award is a reflection of the influence of my family and all the phenomenal teachers, mentors, colleagues, and students that have taught me how to learn from my mistakes and make each new day better," said Matamoros-Mota. "It is a powerfully encouraging reminder on the days when I feel weary that my passion for teaching is not overlooked or in vain."

Established in 1983, PAEMST is the highest award given by the U.S. Government to K-12 teachers of mathematics and science. A panel of distinguished mathematicians, scientists, and educators at the State and national levels assess the applications before recommending nominees to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

As an awardee, Matamoros-Mota receives a certificate signed by the President of the United States and a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. She will also be honored along with the other PAEMST winners at an award ceremony which will take place in Washington, D.C.

Matamoros-Mota began her teacher career at Guyer High School in 2007. She currently serves as the Mathematics Department Chair teaching 11th and 12th grade Statistics, Advanced Placement (AP) Statistics, and Dual Credit Statistics.

She earned a B.A. in music and a M.Ed. in secondary education from the University of North Texas and a Master of Applied Statistics degree from the Pennsylvania State University. She is certified in 8-12 mathematics and English as a Second Language.