



Dear District Finalist,

Congratulations on your selection as a Statewide Finalist in the 2019 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards!

We received applications from school districts all over the state and our judges definitely had their work cut out for them in narrowing the field. Our initial readers selected the 25 Semi-Finalists who competed in the Regional judging on January 8th. Our Regional panel comprised of educational experts and administrators chose the 8 District Finalists, 5 large and 3 small, which we will be visiting over the next couple months.

The following are detailed instructions regarding the awards dinner weekend. Please read them carefully and if you have any questions or concerns feel free to email me at reynolds.jill@heb.com

Hotel Accommodations

A block of rooms is being held for H-E-B at the Fairmont Austin Hotel located at 101 Red River Street, Austin TX 78701. **The superintendent will have a room reserved for the evenings of Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th for the weekend festivities.** The room fees and associated taxes will be covered by H-E-B, however, you will be responsible for any incidental charges. **The night of the awards dinner, May 5th, your district will have a table for ten guests.** Please email me the names of your guest that will be attending and needing a room that evening. **H-E-B will pay for your guest's rooms the evening of the awards dinner.**

Hospitality

There will be a staffed hospitality table at the Fairmont from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 4th if you should have any questions or special needs once you arrive. **Please be sure to come by the table, check in and pick up your goodie bag.**

Mandatory Meeting

Sunday, May 5th at 10 a.m. there will be a mandatory meeting at the Fairmont with all the finalists. At his meeting we will go over details about the awards dinner so please be sure to attend or send someone in your place if you are unavailable.

Casual Reception

There will be a reception on Saturday, May 4th from 7:00 to 10 p.m. at the Fairmont. The Superintendent and a guest will be invited to attend.



Awards Celebration

The big day! The six teacher and two principal winners, along with the two school district winners, one early childhood winner and the recognition of one or more school boards will be announced during the Awards Celebration on **Sunday, May 5th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** in the Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel. You will receive an official invitation to this event in the mail and your district will have a table reserved for 10 people. Dress is professional attire.

Congratulations once again and thank you for your participation in this exciting initiative to honor outstanding public schools, teachers, principals, districts, early childhood providers and school boards in Texas. Through your passion and commitment, you are helping to shape the future of our state. You are truly an inspiration to us all. Good luck and I look forward to seeing you in May!

Sincerely,

Jill Reynolds
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