

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
April 24, 2018**

DENTON ISD

Megan Gabriel highlighted in district's Educator Spotlight

Megan Gabriel, a math teacher at Denton High School, is was recently named a finalist for the 2018 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science. Ms. Gabriel is a product of Denton ISD and is passionate about making sure her students receive the same wonderful experience she did on an everyday basis. Let's see how she's doing it in this month's district Educator Spotlight.

ADKINS ELEMENTARY

Adkins librarian honored by Texas Library Association

Adkins Elementary librarian, Lisa O'Rear, was recently named the recipient of the 2018 Siddie Joe Johnson Award from the Texas Library Association. Ms. O'Rear has served as the librarian at Adkins Elementary since its opening in 2014 and has been with the district since 2007.

The Siddie Joe Johnson Award is bestowed upon a public or school librarian in recognition of outstanding achievement in children's library service. Ms. O'Rear will be presented with her award at the TLA Conference in Dallas on April 5.

The SJJ Award was named in honor of Siddie Joe Johnson, who served 27 years as Children's Librarian and Coordinator of Children's Services for the Dallas Public Library. Ms. Johnson, a published poet and author, was the recipient of awards from the Poetry Society of Texas and the Texas Institute of Letters, as well as from the American Library Association for her work in children's library service.

SJJ Award nominees are evaluated on the basis of outstanding or innovative programs, a sustained high level of performance, leadership ability, involvement in professional organizations, community involvement, and cooperation with parents and other libraries, especially outside their own system.

RYAN HIGH

Ryan softball thankful for new field

To show their appreciation for the district's support of a newly renovated Tina Minke Field, members of the Ryan High School softball team presented the board with a gift basket.