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## U.S. Department of Education names 2006 No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools

AUSTIN – The U.S. Department of Education will honor 26 Texas public schools with the esteemed 2006 No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools Award, Texas Commissioner of Education Shirley J. Neeley announced today.

The No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools Program (NCLB—BRS) recognizes outstanding public and private schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic and consistent gains in student achievement.

Nominated NCLB—BRS schools must meet one of two criteria:

1. Schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that show dramatic improvement in student performance on state tests over the past three years in reading or English language arts and mathematics; or
2. Schools whose students, regardless of demographics, achieve in the top 10 percent on state tests in reading or English language arts and mathematics.

In addition, Blue Ribbon Schools must also meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in reading or English language arts and mathematics, must not be identified as a “Persistently Dangerous” school within the last two years, and be in compliance with other USDE requirements.

Neeley commended the nominees for their unwavering commitment to the students of Texas. “These Blue Ribbon Schools are shining examples that, with hard work and dedication, all students can succeed,” she said. “The Blue Ribbon Schools are just a few of the many schools in our state that are doing an outstanding job at educating students and closing the gap. We are delighted that every single Texas school nominated for this award won it.”

Under guidelines for the program, Texas can nominate a maximum of 26 public schools annually.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at very high levels.

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings and the Department of Education will honor the Blue Ribbon School recipients and highlight their achievements at a ceremony in Washington D.C. on Nov. 9-10. The award recipients will be recognized as national models of excellence.

A list of the Texas public schools named the 2006 NCLB—Blue Ribbon Schools follows.

## 2006 USDE No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools

<p><b>Claude Curtsinger Elementary School</b> Frisco ISD Ph: (469) 633-2100</p>	<p><b>Point Comfort Elementary School</b> Calhoun County ISD Ph: (361) 987-2212</p>
<p><b>Donald Elementary School</b> Lewisville ISD Ph: (972) 539-2284</p>	<p><b>Robert Bassetti Elementary School</b> Abilene ISD Ph: (325) 690-3720</p>
<p><b>Glen Oaks Elementary School</b> McKinney ISD Ph: (469) 742-6400</p>	<p><b>Robert H. Rockenbaugh Elementary School</b> Carroll ISD Ph: (817) 949-4700</p>
<p><b>Heritage Elementary School</b> Grapevine-Colleyville ISD Ph: (817) 305-4820</p>	<p><b>Routh Roach Elementary School</b> Garland ISD Ph: (972) 926-2580</p>
<p><b>Highland Park Elementary School</b> Austin ISD Ph: (512) 414-2090</p>	<p><b>Siebert Elementary School</b> Eastland ISD Ph: (254) 631-5080</p>
<p><b>Jim Ned Lawn Elementary School</b> Jim Ned CISD Ph: (325) 583-2256</p>	<p><b>Sleepy Hollow Elementary School</b> Amarillo ISD Ph: (806) 354-4650</p>
<p><b>Katy Elementary School</b> Katy ISD Ph: (281) 237-6550</p>	<p><b>Stephen F. Austin Elementary School</b> Lamar CISD Ph: (832) 223-1000</p>
<p><b>Mary Alice Skaggs Elementary School</b> Plano ISD Ph: (469) 752-3300</p>	<p><b>University Park Elementary School</b> Highland Park ISD Ph: (214) 780-3400</p>
<p><b>Nancy Smith Elementary School</b> Albany ISD Ph: (325) 762-3384</p>	<p><b>Vega Elementary School</b> Vega ISD Ph: (806) 267-2126</p>
<p><b>Noel A. Smith Elementary School</b> Frisco ISD Ph: (469) 633-2200</p>	<p><b>William Beverly Elementary School</b> Plano ISD Ph: (462) 752-0400</p>
<p><b>Oilton Elementary School</b> Webb CISD Ph: (361) 747-5415</p>	<p><b>Wolford Elementary School</b> McKinney ISD Ph: (469) 742-4700</p>
<p><b>Petrolia Elementary School</b> Petrolia ISD Ph: (940) 524-3212</p>	<p><b>Yale Elementary School</b> Richardson ISD Ph: (469) 593-8300</p>
<p><b>Pleasant Valley Elementary School</b> Amarillo ISD Ph: (806) 381-7260</p>	<p><b>Yorktown Elementary School</b> Yorktown ISD Ph: (361) 564-2252</p>

