**Two HISD educators to be surprised with 2016 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards**

**What:** H-E-B representatives will surprise two HISD educators on Wednesday with news that they are finalists for the 2016 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards, one of the largest monetary programs for educators in Texas and the nation. The two are among eight educators from across Houston who will be surprised at their schools this week.

Teacher finalists will be surprised in their classrooms and presented with a $2,000 prize — including a $1,000 personal prize and a $1,000 school prize. Principal finalists will be surprised during a school assembly and presented with a $3,500 prize — including a $1,000 personal prize and a $2,500 school prize.

The two HISD educators are among 40 finalists from across the state that will be surprised by H-E-B over the next two months. All finalists will go on to compete for the chance to win additional cash prizes with statewide winners to be announced in May.

*Note: This is a surprise presentation. Please do not call the school before the presentation. Media is invited to participate in the surprise announcement. To do so, please report to the school office at least 10 minutes before the scheduled surprise time. If you need more information, please contact Melissa Ludwig at 210-380-0733 or HISD Media Relations at 713-556-6393.*

**Who:**2016 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award finalists – one each from Bellaire and North Houston  Early College high schools – as well as district and campus administrators, and students.

**When/Where: Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016, at 8:25 a.m.**

                                 Bellaire High School, 5100 Maple St., 77401

**Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016, at 11 a.m.**

                                North Houston Early College High School, 99 Lyerly St., 77022

