

# HISD PRESS RELEASE

## HISD names Elementary and Secondary Principals of the Year

*Leaders selected during surprise visits at Durham Elementary School and Worthing High School*

Feb. 27, 2019 – Two Houston Independent School District principals were surprised to learn they were selected as HISD’s Elementary and Secondary Principals of the Year.

Dr. Amy Poerschke of Durham Elementary School was named Elementary Principal of the Year, and Dr. Khalilah Campbell-Rhone of Worthing High School was named Secondary Principal of the Year.

“Both principals are exemplary leaders who are devoted to their students and the mission of educating the whole child,” HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan said.

Campbell-Rhone said her team is the key to her success. “They helped this become a reality,” she said. “Thank you to Dr. Lathan and her team for recognizing the work that’s being done in this community, and thank you to the community for its continued support.”

Poerschke received praise from Dr. Lathan for students’ academic successes at Durham Elementary, which is an International Baccalaureate World School.

“I’m extremely proud of our teachers and our students, who are from different backgrounds, but they come together to learn together,” Poerschke said. “They learn from each other and with each other. We think that is really important for them to be able to go out and make the world a better place.”

**Video of the Principal of the Year surprise announcements are available [here](#) for media outlets to use on-air and online.**

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