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**G-PISD announced as State Winner for H-E-B
Excellence in Education Small District Award**

Following a rigorous nomination, application, and in-person interview process across multiple campuses with a panel of state-renown educational leaders, Gregory-Portland ISD emerged as the overall winner of the 2024 Small District Award presented by the H-E-B Excellence in Education program. This prestigious recognition was announced at a dinner hosted by H-E-B this month at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Houston, Texas.

“Without a doubt, it is our incredible team who made this possible,” said G-PISD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos. “They are passionate about serving our students and families, and they come to work each and every day motivated and ready to give their ‘all’ so that we can continue to rise and improve the many ways we educate, inspire, and empower our G-P Wildcats. I am so proud, and extremely humbled, to receive this honor on behalf of our entire team from the school board to our classroom teachers, hard-working staff in every department, administrators, volunteers, substitutes, and everyone who supports them in the G-P community.”

Cavazos also shared gratitude on behalf of G-PISD for H-E-B, a company whose focus she says has historically been supportive of public education in Texas. “H-E-B is a leader in the state for many reasons, yet for educators especially we recognize the great impact this company and the Butt family has had on elevating the teaching profession through this award program. They also recognize that education is under-funded in Texas, and as a result these awards come with large grant checks that help classroom teachers, principals, and school districts as we often struggle to find funding for our students and to use in rewarding our teachers and staff who fully deserve our support.”

G-PISD's award was presented with a \$50,000 grant check, and Cavazos said she and district leadership will determine the best use of those dollars to help recognize teaching and staff excellence that directly impacts student performance.

The district’s School Board President Tim Flinn attended the awards ceremony and echoed that sentiment: “It’s our teachers and our staff who deserve all the credit for making this happen for G-PISD. They put in the work, they are there for our kids, and they do it all with pride in what it means to be a G-P Wildcat. I cannot explain how proud I am, and our entire board is, to serve this district. Through being on the school board, we have the great opportunity to be a part of something bigger than ourselves and it just keeps getting better and better.

“We have the right leadership in place under Dr. Cavazos, and we have the right people across the district in every school and department. Throughout my life, I’ve said many times that ‘it’s a great time to be a Wildcat.’ However I believe there has been no greater time than this one, right here and right now. Congratulations to YOU, every one of you in G-PISD.”

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