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PLANO ISD NAMED A DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION

PLANO, **TEXAS**, **SEPT**. **18**, **2020** — Plano Independent School District is being recognized with the Texas Art Education Association's (TAEA) District of Distinction Award, an honor presented to only the top 4 percent of districts in the state for its visual arts programs.

More than 1,000 districts were eligible for the award and only 42 were selected. Districts submitted evidence demonstrating that they are providing a well-rounded education that advocates for and integrates a visual arts curriculum that inspires creativity and reaches all different learners.

In Plano ISD, art is taught at all elementary schools and is based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills curriculum. At the middle, high and senior high schools, art elective courses are offered as a sequential curriculum. Students also have opportunities to participate in exhibitions and competitions.

Winners will have an opportunity to highlight their fine arts programs in articles and videos posted on TAEA's website to promote their district's fine arts accomplishments, but also provide inspiration for others.

Learn more about Plano ISD's program by visiting its <u>fine arts page</u>. More information about the award can be found on <u>TAEA's website</u>.

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About Plano Independent School District

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) (www.pisd.edu) endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs more than 6,900 staff members who serve more than 53,000 students in 72 schools and 11 service facilities. Mission: Our Plano ISD learning community will educate, inspire and empower every student to activate their unique potential in a dynamic world.