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Melissa Middle School named one of seven 'Schools to Watch' in Texas

MELISSA, TX – Melissa Middle School has been named a 2016 “School to Watch” by the Texas Middle School Association (TMSA) and the Texas Schools to Watch program. The school is one of seven exemplary middle-grade schools in the state of Texas to receive the acclaimed recognition this year.

In a statement from TMSA, they explained the selection process for the program, citing academic excellence, teacher responsiveness, strong leadership, and a commitment to continuous improvement as key focus areas.

“The state of Texas is proud to have these schools serve as models from which others can learn,” TMSA said.

Melissa Middle School Principal Jim Miller responded Tuesday to news of the recognition.

“For quite some time, the fine folks of Melissa have known about the dynamic learning environment that has been built at Melissa Middle School,” Miller said. “I am so very excited and proud that years’ worth of hard work has gained recognition beyond the local level.

I am thankful that the Texas Middle School Association exists and strives to validate the top campuses across Texas with such a laudable distinction. I am equally thankful for the multitude of talented and dedicated individuals who are responsible for the spotlight finally being placed on our proud school and community.

To the students, teachers, administrators, and parent organizations who have been a part of MMS in recent years, congratulations on this accomplishment. I know we will all accept the challenge of remaining on this list of elite campuses in Texas.”

Melissa Schools Superintendent Keith Murphy also praised the campus and its faculty for a job well done.

“I’m so very proud of our students, staff, and community for participating in the education of so many great kids,” Murphy said. “This award was only given to seven outstanding middle schools and it’s an honor to be chosen in Melissa.”

Melissa Middle School will hold a community celebration in April to honor this achievement.

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