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# News Release

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## EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 19
## TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS CELEBRATION

El Paso, Texas (August 12, 2026) – Twenty outstanding teachers from area districts are competing in a rigorous selection process for the honor of representing our region at the state level. These dedicated educators were first selected as campus Teachers of the Year, then chosen to represent their respective districts, and now they are vying for the title of Regional Teacher of the Year. As part of the competition, each teacher underwent panel interviews and submitted multiple essays detailing their teaching philosophies and achievements. The winners of this prestigious regional competition will move on to compete for the title of Texas Teacher of the Year, with the announcement expected later this year. Education Service Center Region 19 is proud to have had nine state winners from our region who have gone on to compete at the national level.

The winners will be revealed during the awards celebration and banquet at the Starlight Event Center on **Friday, August 14, 2026**. The public is encouraged to join in the celebration by watching the event, which will be streamed live on the **ESCRegion19 YouTube channel at 7 PM**.

Raiz Federal Credit Union is co-sponsoring this event and will generously award cash prizes to the top three teachers in both the elementary and secondary school categories.

All the district Teachers of the Year are exemplary educators, and judges have noted the difficulty in selecting the winners from such a highly qualified group.

Attached, please find the group photo of the 2026-2027 ESC19 Teacher of the Year nominees, who represent the best of the best from their districts and charter schools.

Also attached is the 2026-2027 Teacher of the Year Program, which includes the names of the competing teachers and for additional details and footage about the TOY legacy, please visit: https://www.esc19.net/about-us/teacher-of-the-year

We appreciate your support in highlighting the excellence in education within our region and in recognizing these dedicated teachers who make a difference in our community every day.

Attachments:

1) 2026-2027 ESC19 Teacher of the Year Nominees Group Photo
2) 2026-2027 Teacher of the Year Program and Invitation

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