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PATRICK ELEMENTARY NAMED *CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS* NATIONAL SHOWCASE SCHOOL

ARLINGTON, Texas, April 13, 2017 – Patrick Elementary has been named a *Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools* award recipient for the 2016-2017 school year from the Flippen Group.

When the school opened for the 2015-2016 school year it began an initiative to transform the campus into a *Capturing Kids' Hearts* campus that builds a school environment where students and staff feel safe and connected and classrooms where students are excited to enter and learn everyday. Teachers and staff learned processes to increase students' connectedness with both peers and adults on campus.

“By implementing the *Capturing Kids' Hearts* program from the moment the doors opened at the school, Patrick Elementary staff and administrators ensured that they would develop lifelong learners who are empowered and engaged,” Arlington ISD Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos said. “Congratulations to the Patrick Elementary community for embracing this program and practicing and living it everyday.”

Consideration for this award was based on a nomination based on observation, level of implementation by all staff as measured by online surveys and data demonstrating *Capturing Kids' Hearts* has made a significant improvement in attendance, discipline, climate/culture or academics. The Flippen Group visited each nominated campus to gather additional data and interview students, teachers, administrators and parents. They also did a campus walk-through and an additional campus survey.

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