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**MORRISS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NAMED TO TBEC 2011 HONOR ROLL**

**Texarkana, TX** – The Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary School has received the most prestigious and demanding academic award a Texas public school can receive from the Texas Business and Education Coalition (TBEC) by recently being named to their 2011 TBEC Honor Roll.

Of the more than 8,000 Texas public schools less than 4% (total of 253 schools) received the distinction for demonstrating three years of consistent, high performance in all subjects compared to other schools serving similar student populations.

In analyzing every public school in Texas, TBEC considers only the school's commended performances, the state's highest standard for academic achievement and sets specific targets for schools based on grades served and student demographics. In this, the last year for using the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) performance data, TBEC's standards were the toughest in the 12-year history of the award.

In 2006, TISD's Spring Lake Park Elementary School was named to the Honor Roll and in 2007 Nash Elementary School, Spring Lake Park Elementary School and Wake Village Elementary School earned recognition.

"I am very proud of our students and staff at Morriss Elementary School for earning this exceptional recognition from TBEC," commented Rick Sandlin, Principal. "The partnership developed between our teachers, students and parents is our guideline to success. I cannot thank them enough for what they do every day in our classrooms that has allowed us to accomplish the respective standards to achieve this honor."

"Rick Sandlin and his team are accomplishing great things and being named to the TBEC Honor Roll is evidence of their efforts," shared Paul Norton, Superintendent of Schools. "Each one of our TISD campuses have their own unique environments which focus on areas such as arts, leadership, STEM and community service. In doing so, they provide a variety of educational opportunities and involvement for the student which, in turn, allows for the development of a well-rounded educational experience.

Representatives from the Honor Roll schools will be recognized at an Awards Reception and Dinner in Dallas on December 2 and have the opportunity to be part of a seminar series in which "the best learn from the best."

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