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**HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY AND THERON JONES ELC
NAMED LEADER IN ME LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION
FROM FRANKLINCovey EDUCATION**

Texarkana, TX – Highland Park Elementary and Theron Jones Early Literacy Center have been certified and named as a 2019 *Leader in Me* Lighthouse School of Academic Distinction by FranklinCovey Education.

Since its official launch nearly a decade ago, an estimated 4,000 public, private and charter schools across 50 countries have adopted the *Leader in Me* process. Only 48 schools in Texas and around 300 schools in the country have achieved the prestigious Lighthouse certification. TISD's Nash Elementary was the 25th school in Texas to receive the Lighthouse status.

Sean Covey, President, FranklinCovey Education, said, "We are thrilled to recognize Highland Park Elementary and Theron Jones Early Literacy Center as a *Leader in Me* Lighthouse School. Schools who achieve this Lighthouse Certification are great examples of a strong leadership model and process, and what it means to be a *Leader in Me* school. Both schools have experienced transformational results by implementing the principles and practices related to *Leader in Me*. And, we are so pleased and honored to celebrate the success they are experiencing."

"I could not be prouder of these two schools, their students and their staff," shared Paul Norton, TISD Superintendent of Schools. "They have taken the principals of the *Leader in Me* program and implemented it within all aspects of their curriculum. It has been a wonderful transformation to watch over the past few years."

The Lighthouse Certification is a highly-regarded standard set by FranklinCovey Education that is attainable by every *Leader in Me* school. *Leader in Me* is a whole-school transformation model and process - developed in partnership with educators - that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. *Leader in Me* helps students learn how to become self-reliant, take initiative, plan ahead, set and track goals, do their homework, prioritize their time, manage their emotions, be considerate of others, express their viewpoint persuasively, resolve conflicts, find creative solutions and value differences.

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