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Jasper ISD teacher finalist for \$5,000 award *ATPE to announce Educator of the Year in July*

JASPER, Texas — The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) is proud to announce that Parnell Elementary's third grade teacher Rebecca Dougharty is one of three finalists for ATPE's Elementary Educator of the Year award.

"ATPE is proud to have members who are committed to furthering public education," Executive Director Gary Godsey. "Regardless of who wins this year, all finalists have done an outstanding job and have shown their dedication to Texas schoolchildren."

The ATPE Educator of the Year Awards acknowledges ATPE members who demonstrate exceptional or innovative capabilities in their respective education fields. Five recipients will be awarded \$5,000 at this year's ATPE Summit Awards Banquet held at the Austin Convention Center.

ATPE Educator of the Year Awards are divided into five categories:

- Administrator of the Year
- Associate of the Year
- Elementary Teacher of the Year
- Secondary Teacher of the Year
- Special Services Educator of the Year

A committee composed of ATPE members reviews all applications and selects up to three finalists for each category. The winner will be chosen following interviews with each finalist in July.

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The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) has been a strong voice for Texas educators since 1980. It is the leading educators' association in Texas with more than 100,000 members statewide. With its strong collaborative philosophy, ATPE speaks for classroom teachers, administrators, future, retired and para-educators and works to create better opportunities for 5 million public schoolchildren. ATPE is the ally and the voice of Texas public school educators.