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**Northside ISD is nationally recognized for using technology  
to achieve educational goals**

National education leaders have taken notice of Northside Independent School District's initiatives that blend technology and instruction in the classrooms. The National School Boards Association (NSBA) announced that NISD has been designated a "Technology Leadership Salute District for 2005." NISD is one of only three school systems across the nation to receive this designation and the only one in Texas.

NSBA officials praised the "themes of continuous improvement, professional development, systemic change, and partnerships" reflected in the Northside ISD's technology initiatives.

"We have always known that we have one of the top technology programs in the state," says Dr. John Folks, superintendent. "It is nice to receive acknowledgement at the national level, as well. We have one goal in mind and that is to use technology to positively impact learning and teaching."

"Northside ISD consistently and effectively uses technology tools to improve, reform, and restructure the school environment with the goal of improved student achievement and student success." said Kelly Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Technology Services.

"Two examples are the development and implementation of our Technology Integration Project Planning & Assessment (TIPPA) model that helps teachers effectively integrate technology in teaching and learning and our efforts in launching a comprehensive web-based Curriculum Management System to facilitate instruction and help teachers focus on meeting the needs of each and every student," she added.

Smith also believes that "our work in deploying technology to campuses, establishing the "Parent Connection" web portal, creating Technology Core Competencies for Employees, and the annual eCamp Summer Technology Conference are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to initiatives that will positively impact and enrich the education that students receive in Northside for some time to come."

This is the 14th year of the NSBA Technology Leadership Salute District Program. Northside ISD is the third school district in Texas selected to receive the honor. Houston ISD (1998) and Dallas ISD (1992) have been past honorees.

The District will be recognized with the Technology Leadership Salute at a keynote session during the National School Boards Association conference in Denver in October.

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