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Dear Principals,

The Abilene Education Foundation is excited to announce the fourth annual *Teachers in the Limelight Celebration (TLC)* featuring the Edwin & Agnes Jennings Teaching Excellence Award winners on **Wednesday**, **April 27**, **2016.** Outstanding teachers from across the district will be recognized and awarded cash prizes that are privately funded by a generous advocate of teaching excellence, Mr. Edwin J. Jennings, Jr. Abilene Reporter-News, Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union and AISD are providing additional underwriting.

The format will remain the same as in previous years. An Outstanding Elementary and an Outstanding Secondary teacher will be chosen from the pool of excellent teachers at each campus and announced as a highlight of the evening. Important guidelines and information for these awards are outlined on the attached CAMPUS AWARDS page.

In addition, we are thrilled to once again present a science and math teaching excellence award to selected 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade math and science teachers. **Criteria and guidelines are outlined on the attached MATH AND SCIENCE AWARDS page.** Nominations are currently being received for the science and math awards online at aaeeff.org, and the winners will be announced at the *Teachers in the Limelight Celebration* in April. We appreciate your help in encouraging parents, teachers, community members and administrators to submit nominations.

Principals will play an integral part to ensure a true teacher of excellence represents each campus. The campus nominees, or TLC Teachers, will be touted proudly as AISD teachers who go above and beyond with a love of teaching.

If you have any questions about the information in this packet, please do not hesitate to contact me. It is quite a bit of information, and we are here to help in every way we can. We appreciate the leadership you, the principals, give each campus, making the education in AISD the best education in Texas!

Thank you,

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