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Dear Principals,

The Abilene Education Foundation is excited to announce the fifth annual *Teachers in the Limelight Celebration (TLC)*, featuring the *Edwin & Agnes Jennings Teaching Excellence Award* winners, on **Wednesday**, **April 26, 2017**. Outstanding teachers from across the district will be recognized and awarded cash prizes, which are privately funded by a generous endowment established by Mr. Edwin J. Jennings, Jr., a renowned advocate for excellence in education. Abilene Reporter-News, Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union, and Abilene ISD are providing additional underwriting.

The format will remain the same as in previous years. As a highlight of the evening, AEF will announce one *Outstanding Elementary* and one *Outstanding Secondary* teacher, selected from the pool of excellent teachers nominated by each campus, district-wide. Important guidelines and information for these awards are outlined on the attached CAMPUS AWARDS page. We have also included a sample nomination letter to give you an idea of the types of information to include in your nominations.

In addition, we are thrilled to once again present one *Math* and one *Science Teaching Excellence Award* to a selected secondary teacher in each category. **Criteria and guidelines will be available soon as well as the nomination forms.** The winners will be announced at the *TLC reception* in April. We appreciate your help in encouraging parents, teachers, community members, and administrators to submit nominations.

Principals will play an integral role in ensuring a true teacher of excellence represents each campus. The campus nominees, deemed TLC Teachers, will be touted proudly as AISD teachers who go above and beyond with a love for teaching.

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

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