

## **Austin ISD Receives Kennedy Center Award**

On Monday, April 15, AISD and the Board of Trustees received the 25th annual Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network (KCAEEN) and National School Boards Association (NSBA) Award. The award, which includes a \$10,000 prize, was presented to the board at the National School Boards Association's annual conference in San Diego. Since 1989, this prestigious national award has recognized school boards for their support of arts education. AISD was chosen from nominees around the country for its outstanding support of high-quality arts education.

Each year, a national review panel selects the first place school district from a pool of nominees selected by State Alliances for Arts Education and State School Boards Associations. School districts selected for this national honor must demonstrate support for all four core disciplines in arts education programs: visual arts, music, theater, and dance. Instruction and programming must be available for all students throughout the district. The ways in which the school district develops collaborative partnerships with the cultural resources available in the community are also an important consideration in reviewing nominations.

The AISD Board of Trustees was nominated by MINDPOP, with letters of support from the Texas Association of School Boards, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Theater Communications Group, the Texas Art Education Association, Texas Dance Educators Association, the Texas Music Educators Association, and the Texas Music Educators Conference.