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Negley Elementary School Assistant Principal Regina Butcher was recently named District 13 "AP of the Year" by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association. (Photo by Julie Jerome)

Assistant Principal Regina Butcher has been recognized as the District 13 "AP of the Year" by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA), an honor for which she was enthusiastically nominated by NES Principal Will Webber. Lauri Schroeder, who serves as TEPSA District 13 President, as well as principal at [Buda](#) Elementary, sent the initial announcement along with added praise.

"On behalf of TEPSA, I would like to congratulate Ms. Butcher for all she does for her whole school community. She builds character, empowers all learners, and brings excitement and energy to her work. We are proud she is a member of "Team TEPSA...In the Game for Kids!"

Butcher was congratulated recently as this year's honoree by incoming Superintendent Jeremy Lyon at the district's Curriculum Boot Camp and received a bouquet of flowers at the celebratory announcement. She was again recognized recently at the TEPSA general meeting held on the Buda Elementary campus. The organization's summer conference additionally includes an awards banquet at which each of the state's district honorees will be recognized.

At her home campus, the accolades Principal Will Webber included in his nominating letter serve as clear testimony to how the dynamic administrator is perceived by the man she works for - and those she works with.

Calling her "instrumental in establishing many of the traditions of our young campus," Webber says with obvious appreciation, "Amazing - sometimes it just clicks!"

He calls special attention to her early efforts in building the collegial atmosphere the campus enjoys through "True Colors," an effort that identified each staff member's strengths and helped develop an appreciation for the diversity he believes makes his campus strong. He points to her positive presence with both parents and students.

"Parents have commented that they are delighted to see her each morning in the foyer of our school, greeting each person who enters with a smile. Her rapport with students helps maintain our positive and supportive climate," Webber says.

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