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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: THGC Outstanding Educator Award

The Commissioner of Education serves as an ex officio member of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (THGC). The Governor's Office today shared information regarding the THGC Outstanding Educator Award. Information regarding the qualifications and nominations process for this award are detailed in the Governor's news release below:

**Texas Holocaust And Genocide Commission Seeks Applications
For Outstanding Educator Award**

AUSTIN--Governor Greg Abbott today announced that the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (THGC) is now accepting applications for the Steinberger Outstanding Educator Award. The winning educator will receive a \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) award, generously funded by former Commissioner, Dr. Anna Steinberger of Houston, through a gift to the Friends of the THGC.

The THGC's Steinberger Outstanding Educator Award seeks to recognize best practices in the classroom for teaching about the Holocaust and/or any of the genocides recognized by the United States; these genocides include those in Cambodia, Rwanda, the Balkans, Darfur, and the Middle East (Syria and Iraq). The award will go to one Texas classroom teacher, curriculum specialist, or librarian who works with any students in the 5th through 12th grades on Holocaust and/or modern genocides studies.

All application materials must be received electronically through the THGC website by 5:00 PM CST on February 1, 2018. Visit the THGC's website at <http://thgc.texas.gov/about/2018-thgc-outstanding-educator-award> for an online application and instructions.

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