

AISD major bonus incentives

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AUSTIN, Texas (KXAN) -- The Austin Independent School District is mailing nearly \$1 million to teachers who 'made the grade.'

It is all part of the district's Strategic Compensation Program, a pilot program designed to reward teachers at nine targeted schools who were able to meet certain key-student achievement goals in the classroom.

"The School District received strong community support in developing this initiative," said David Lussier, Director of the Strategic Compensation Program. "We are fortunate to have both the Austin Chamber and Education Austin as partners in this effort. Both the business community and the teachers' union recognize the value of reaching beyond state and federal accountability to advance school improvement in a way that empowers and rewards teachers and principals for innovation in the classroom."

This means some teachers could be getting checks for \$3,000.

The program also rewards veteran educators who mentor new teachers. Each of them automatically get a \$3,000 stipend and an additional \$2,000 tied to a satisfactory evaluation.