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### **SPRINGDALE TEACHER HONORED AS TOP ART EDUCATOR**

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(MACON, GA) – The National Art Education Association has named Cindy Lau Quan Hong of Springdale Elementary School as the recipient of the 2023 Southeastern Region Elementary Art Educator Award. This award, determined through a peer review of nominations, recognizes the exemplary contributions, service, and achievements of an outstanding NAEA member annually at the regional level within their division. The award will be presented during the NAEA 2023 National Convention in San Antonio.

NAEA President James Haywood Rolling Jr. said, "This award is being given to recognize excellence in professional accomplishment and service by a dedicated art educator. Cindy Lau Quan Hong exemplifies the highly qualified art educators active in education today: leaders, teachers, students, scholars, and advocates who give their best to their students and the profession."

Founded in 1947, the National Art Education Association is the leading professional membership organization exclusively for visual arts educators. Members include elementary, middle, and high school visual arts educators; college and university professors; university students preparing to become art educators; researchers and scholars; teaching artists; administrators and supervisors; and art museum educators—as well as more than 54,000 students who are members of the National Art Honor Society.

"Ms. Q, as the students call her, is a gifted artist and teacher who has a tremendous heart for students in seeing them grow and become successful," said Ben Bridges, Director of the District's Department for Fine Arts and Magnet Programs. "She is the worthy recipient of the distinction of the Southeastern Region Elementary Art Educator Award."

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