

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Janet Barresi, State Superintendent

**DATE:** March 28, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Tracy McDaniel, Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership recipient

Tracy McDaniel, principal at KIPP Reach College Preparatory School, was recognized as a Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership recipient for 2012 by the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. Mr. McDaniel was one of only six principals from the 314 Blue Ribbon Schools nationwide to receive this award.

“The Terrel H. Bell Award recognizes outstanding school leaders and the vital role they play in overcoming challenging circumstances. Principals nominated for this award are school leaders committed to fostering successful teaching and learning at their schools, who do whatever it takes to help their students meet high standards. They are committed to the notion that in educating America’s children, failure is no option.

Principals chosen as Terrel H. Bell Award recipients have transformed their schools. Setting high standards and expectations for all, including themselves, they have shattered stereotypes that students from disadvantaged backgrounds cannot achieve at high levels. Their vision and collaborative leadership styles have produced outstanding results for all their students regardless of race, language proficiency, or socioeconomic status. These principals have shown that with effective leadership and teaching and firm conviction, all students can learn.”  
-National Blue Ribbon Schools Program

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