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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

***NCTQ to Announce First-Ever Winners of Great Districts for Great Teachers Initiative***

**Who:** National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ), a non-partisan research and policy organization dedicated to ensuring every classroom has a high quality teacher.

**What:** NCTQ will unveil the eight winning *Great Districts for Great Teachers* out of an original pool of 123 school districts. These districts have proven themselves to be national leaders on teacher issues, triumphing through a rigorous 18-month evaluation of data, policies, and teacher input that included over 100 questions. Each of the eight winners excelled on five criteria that research suggests connect to effective teaching.

This is the first year NCTQ has named *Great Districts for Great Teachers*. Award-winners will travel to the South by Southwest Education Conference in Austin, Texas for the announcement.

**When:** Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:01am/ET

**Where:** NCTQ will [officially announce](#) the winners at the South by Southwest Education Conference (SXSWedu) in the Austin Convention Center - Room 12AB, Austin, TX, on March 7th, 2017, at 8am/CT. Live streaming of the event and commentary will be available on the NCTQ [Twitter](#) (@nctq) and [Facebook](#) (@teacherquality) accounts.

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***About the National Council on Teacher Quality:***

*The National Council on Teacher Quality is a nonpartisan research and policy group, committed to modernizing the teaching profession and based on the belief that all children deserve effective teachers. We recognize that it is not teachers who bear responsibility for their profession's many challenges, but the institutions with the greatest authority and influence over teachers. More information about NCTQ can be found on our website, [www.nctq.org](http://www.nctq.org).*