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Little Rock Teacher Named 2014-2015 Milken Educator

LITTLE ROCK — Carman McBride was in for a major surprise this morning – a surprise worth \$25,000 and the honor of being named one of the best teachers in the country.

An Environmental and Spatial Technology (EAST) facilitator for grades three through five at Don R. Roberts Elementary School in the Little Rock School District, McBride was named a 2014-2015 Milken Educator at a surprise event today. As a Milken Educator, McBride receives a \$25,000 check from the Milken Family Foundation.

"The biggest key to a good education is a dedicated teacher," Gov. Asa Hutchinson said. "The right teacher makes a difference in a student's life every day, long after that student has left the classroom. If you've been blessed with a great teacher, and I have, you never forget them. I know that our honoree today will be remembered most by the folks who matter most to her — her students."

"Ms. McBride is honored for her dedication and passion for teaching," said Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Tony Wood. "From high student test scores to community projects, Ms. McBride's achievements are outstanding. She approaches each day with a commitment to ensuring all of her students receive a quality education and positively impact their school and community."

Prior to serving as an EAST facilitator, McBride was a fourth-grade teacher at Don Roberts from 2010 to 2013. She is a National Board Certified Teacher, a Pathwise-trained mentor and was named the school's 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year.

Before joining the staff at Don Roberts, McBride was a fourth-grade teacher at College Hill Elementary School in Texarkana for two years, where she was certified in the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme.

She received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Texas A&M University in Texarkana, Texas, in December 2007 and is currently working on a Master of Education at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia.

“We are proud to join the Milken Foundation in honoring the exceptional work of Don Roberts Elementary School Teacher Carman McBride,” said Little Rock School District Interim Superintendent Dr. Dexter Suggs, a 2007 Milken Educator. “Ms. McBride represents the caliber of educator we all want our children to encounter. She works tirelessly to not only challenge her students, but to inspire them to perform at the highest level. We are fortunate to have her as a member of the LRSD family and wish Ms. McBride continued success.”

The Milken Family Foundation began the award program in 1987 and has awarded more than \$65 million to more than 2,600 top educators across the nation. Arkansas joined the program in 1991. Since then, more than 70 Arkansas educators have been recognized. For more information about the foundation, go to www.mff.org.

Pictures of today's event will be posted on the ADE website at www.arkansased.org.

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