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## Press Release

## Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching awarded to Lincoln Fundamental Teacher Megan Smith

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**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, President Donald J. Trump announced the recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Lincoln Fundamental teacher, Megan Smith, was one of four California teachers selected for the prestigious award.

Established in 1983, PAEMST is the highest award given by the U.S. Government to K-12 teachers of mathematics and science, including computer science. Teachers are selected based on their distinction in the classroom and dedication to improving STEM education.

"Receiving this award is empowering," said Smith. "It validates the power of students as problem solvers; by providing a variety of tools and opportunities, success in mathematics can be accessible to all. This award belongs to my students, who weren't afraid to dive right in with me."

Smith has been an educator in the Corona-Norco Unified School District for 13 years. She was nominated for the award by the CNUSD Math Team for the shifts she has demonstrated in teaching mathematics, her commitment to excellent and rigorous instructional practices, and her role in supporting other teachers in our district.



## ABOUT CORONA-NORCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Corona-Norco Unified School District is located approximately 45 miles southeast of Los Angeles in western Riverside County. CNUSD consists of thirty-one elementary schools, eight intermediate/middle schools, five comprehensive high schools, a middle college high school, and three alternative schools. The district serves over 53,000 students in the diverse communities of Corona, Norco, and Eastvale. CNUSD is the largest school district in Riverside County and the tenth-largest district in California.