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***Annual 'Salute' Showcases Outstanding Partners—  
Austin Partners in Education Names Pfluger Associates Architects  
2006 'Partner of the Year'***

Austin Partners in Education has named Pfluger Associates Architects as the *Partner of the Year* for 2006. The award recognizes a Partner that exemplifies the mission of Partners in Education, and who has made exceptional and innovative contributions to the Austin School District. The announcement was made recently at APIE's annual *Salute Banquet and Awards Program* at the Palmer Events Center.

For more than a decade a small, nationally-recognized architectural firm, Pfluger Associates, has quietly given hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of services to the Austin School District to help it develop bond proposals, design state-of-the-art school-to-career facilities, work on a fine arts facility, and help with special projects — all in support of improved educational opportunities for all students. Under the leadership of Brad Pfluger, several critical community collaborative programs have been accomplished:

- In 2001-2002, Pfluger Associates donated its architectural services and architectural project supervision for the *Culinary and Hospitality Institute* at Travis High School.
- In 2003-04, the firm worked with the *Community Bond Advisory Committee* in addressing a myriad of challenges that arose during the development of the bond proposal and assisted with public education leading up to the September 2004 Bond Election. Mr. Pfluger gave countless hours addressing issues from new science labs to estimated costs for specific projects. Once the bond package was put together, Mr. Pfluger helped raise funds so that the public would be educated on the bond proposal and why it was needed.
- Pfluger Associates is also recognized as a leading architectural firm for large fine arts facilities. Mr. Pfluger worked behind the scenes to help the District work through issues in determining the size of such a facility, its costs, and possible location. He quietly worked with the City of Austin and other entities to address a complex set of issues, while working to find a partner for the new fine arts facility. This task is still in process.
- In 2005-06, the firm completed a two-year community collaborative, designing a 20,000 square foot automotive training center for Crockett High School, which will be shared by AISD and Austin Community College students. Mr. Pfluger personally made a number of site visits to

high schools, community colleges, and automobile dealerships, taking the best features of these facilities and incorporating them into the design of a state of the art facility for Austin.

“The contributions of Brad Pfluger and his colleagues are simply extraordinary. They have been made with considerable cost to the firm in dedicating a design team which is working on numerous projects at no cost to AISD,” Superintendent Pat Forgione said.

“Leading by example, Brad Pfluger has used his professional relationships with other professionals to get them involved on a volunteer basis in helping our students. Pfluger Associates Architects is truly worthy of recognition as the AISD’s 2006 Partner of the Year.”

Other Salute 2006 award winners recognized were:

*Partner of the Year for Texas School for the Deaf*      *AT&T*  
*Good Things Come in Small Packages*      *Mexican American Research Center, Inc.*  
*Rookie of the Year*      *DriveTime*  
*Volunteer of the Year*      *Susan C. Nogay*  
*Business/Community Representative of the Year*      *Lewis Jennings*  
*Mentor/Tutor of the Year*      *Liz Heiling*  
*Campus Spirit Award*      *Mathews Elementary School*  
*Exemplary Performance Elementary Level*      *Ron Reed*  
*Exemplary Performance Secondary Level*      *Frances Miller Martinez*  
*Exemplary Performance Central Office*      *Patricia Dabbert*  
*Special Project of the Year*      *Travis Community Education Foundation*  
*Hall of Fame*      *Retiring School Board Doyle Valdez*  
*Special Recognition for Hurricane Katrina Support*      *InKind Inc.*