



Item Title:	Recognition of Board President by TASB for her Advocate of the Year Award	X	Action Information Discussion
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Mrs. Daniella Lopez-Valdez is being honored by TASB Regional Directors Alison Busse Savage and Sylvia Sanchez-Garza, along with TASB Director of Communications Brianna Vela Garcia.

Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.

Jesus H Chavez
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

Approved by: Chief Officer

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Advocate of the Year Award Recognition for Daniella Lopez-Valdez: Oct. 7 Brownsville ISD Board Meeting

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Date Thu 9/18/2025 8:15 AM

To Isabel A. De La Cruz <iadelacruz@bisd.us>

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Good morning Isabel,

On behalf of TASB, we would like to visit your district to recognize Daniella Lopez-Valdez for her 2025 Advocate of the Year Award she recently received at txEDCON. This is a highly prestigious honor, and we feel that it would be great to recognize her in front of her own home community.

I would like to accompany Alison Savage Busse and Sylvia Sanchez-Garza, both regional directors at TASB, to your Tuesday, Oct. 7 board meeting to present Daniella with the plaque. Please let me know what details you need from us to make this award presentation a success.

Here are details on the award and Daniella's impact this past legislation session to be used for the agenda item:

- Daniella cares deeply about the students in Brownsville ISD and students across the state. This led to her making several trips to Austin to advocate at the Capitol. She went above and beyond by driving a few hundred miles on a regular basis to meet with legislators, attend trustee gatherings at the Capitol, and testify in legislative committees. Legislators listened to her and their staff took note. These efforts led her to be recognized at the state-level by the Texas Association of School Boards. There are over 7,000 trustees in Texas, and Daniella's efforts and love for Texas public school and the 5.5 million public school children made her stand out and receive this deserving honor.

Thank you for your coordination,

Brianna Vela Garcia

Department Director, Communications

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