



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: April 20, 2026

Agenda Section: Report

Agenda Item Title: Update on the Armstrong Elementary “Reaching for the Stars” Mural

From: Andy A. Rocha, Executive Director of Operations

Description: On May 19, 2025, the Board of Managers approved Board Policy CW (local), which addressed the naming of facilities, the approval of campus murals, and related matters. Later, on October 20, 2025, the Board of Managers approved the addition of Ms. Salena Sanchez to the mural at Armstrong Elementary, contingent upon funding through grants, donations, or other sources.

It is with great pleasure that we announce Texas A&M University–San Antonio, through the CULTIVAR Grant under the direction of Dr. Karen Burgard, will fund the addition of Ms. Selena Sanchez to the *Reaching for the Stars* mural.

CULTIVAR, which stands for *Communities Uplifting Learners Through Imagination and Vibrant Artistic Reflections*, is a \$3.35 million U.S. Department of Education grant awarded to Texas A&M University–San Antonio in partnership with the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts. The grant supports and celebrates arts education and artistic expression in the San Antonio community.

The CULTIVAR team worked with Neil Armstrong Elementary School throughout the life of the grant, and Ms. Sanchez was a leader in the school’s arts education initiative. She was deeply committed to the CULTIVAR program and its mission to inspire students through the arts.

Recommendation: N/A

Purchasing Director and Approval Date: N/A

Funding Budget Code and Amount: N/A