Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Conference Presentation **Board of Education Meeting:** 04/07/26

Item Title: Recognition of Breeden Elementary Student Participants and Sponsors at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show

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BACKGROUND:

Students from Breeden Elementary competed at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show in Mercedes, Texas, on Saturday, March 14, 2026. These student participants placed in every plant category open to elementary through high school students.

Student participants include:
Diego Garza (9th Place) and Allison Torres (Class 10 – Edibles/Cabbage);
Sophia Salazar and Aaron Jimenez (6th Place) (Class 1 – Foliage);
Felicity Hesterberg (8th Place) (Class 8 – Herbs).

These accomplishments were made possible through the dedication of our sponsors—Brenda Ramirez, Amy Najera, and Nancy Lara—who established a 4-H Club with an initial emphasis on competing in the horticulture event. The initiative was supported by Ms. Petra Torres, Breeden Elementary Principal, and Ms. Micaela Escobar, Director of Records Management, Sustainability, and Warehouse.

The preparation process began in November 2025 and led to the competition held on Saturday, March 14, 2026. This initiative is an extension of our Barracuda Bloom Garden and involved extensive planning, as well as strong student and parent involvement and commitment throughout the process.

Through the Learn, Grow, Eat & Go! curriculum, students are gaining valuable knowledge in gardening, sustainability, and environmental stewardship. Breeden Elementary is proud to recognize the hard work of our students and the continued support of our staff, sponsors, and families in making these achievements possible.

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When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.