



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Conference Presentation Board of Education Meeting: 12/10/24

Item Title:	<u>Recognition of Ortiz Elementary for being selected</u>	<u> </u>	Action
	<u>for the Elementary/Middle School Distinguished</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>Performance Award by the National Association</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>of ESEA State Program Administrators</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

BACKGROUND:

The National ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Distinguished Schools Program is a project of NAESPA that publicly recognizes qualifying federally-funded schools for positive educational advances and the outstanding academic achievement of their students. Established in 1996, the program showcases hundreds of schools identified by the State Education Agency for their success in one of three categories:

- Category 1: Schools exhibiting exceptional student performance and academic growth
- Category 2: Schools that have closed the achievement gap between student groups
- Category 3: Schools that show excellence in serving special populations of students (e.g. homeless, migrant, English learners, etc.)

Schools are named by their State Education Agency (up to two schools per state) and collectively exhibit the following common characteristics:

- A poverty rate of at least 35% for the selected year (may use the state’s average poverty rate to qualify a school if below 35%)
- Demonstrated high academic achievement (which may include high academic growth)
- Met or exceeded state-determined accountability criteria
- Must be federally funded by one or more ESEA programs

The school selection process is open from October 7 – November 15, 2024.

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

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

Beatriz Hernandez

Approved by: Chief Officer

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.