Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Conference Presentation **Board of Education Meeting:** 03/04/26

Item Title: Superintendent's Life-Saving Award Presentation

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BACKGROUND:

The district would like to recognize **San Juanita Vela-Van Oers**, a Special Education Teacher Assistant in the Lifeskills Unit at Yturria Elementary School, for her heroic actions on February 9, 2026.

Ms. Vela-Van Oers responded immediately when a student experienced a seizure in the classroom, using her military training and professional experience to provide care and support until emergency medical services arrived. Her swift and decisive actions ensured the student's safety during a critical situation.

She will be presented with the Superintendent's Life-Saving Award in recognition of her exemplary service and dedication to student safety.

Submitted by: Nicole, Clint, Principal

Recommended by: Dr. Alma C. Rubio, Asst. Supt.

Approved by: Beatriz Hernandez, Chief Academic Officer

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.