



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Conference Presentation

Board of Education Meeting: 01/23/24

Item Title: Recognition of U.S. Congressman
Solomon P. Ortiz Elementary as a
2023 National Blue Ribbon School

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BACKGROUND:

The National Blue Ribbon Schools (NBRSS) Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Education, acknowledges exceptional public and non-public elementary, middle, and high schools that meet specific criteria, including overall student academic achievement or academic achievement among diverse student groups for six consecutive years. On November 16-17, 2023, U.S. Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz Elementary School achieved the prestigious distinction of becoming an Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School. This recognition places it among a select group of 353 schools nationwide and one of only 29 schools in Texas to receive this honor. The school's exceptional accomplishment stems from consistently ranking in the top 15% of schools in Texas for English and mathematics student performance, as determined by the Texas Education Agency's accountability ratings over the past six years.

To further acknowledge this remarkable achievement, the Texas Education Agency: State Board of Education (SBOE) will formally honor the school on Friday, February 2, 2024, at 9:00a.m.

We congratulate the entire faculty and staff at U.S. Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz Elementary school for becoming a 2023 Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School.

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When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.