



## SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: May 19, 2025

Agenda Section: Recognition

Agenda Item Title: IDRA Youth Leadership Now Program Statewide Reflection Contest

From/Presenters: Alexis LaFosse, Director of Communications and Marketing

Additional Presenters if Applicable: Rosemary Morales, Director of Guidance and Counseling

Description: South San Antonio ISD Middle School Students participated in the IDRA Youth Leadership Now Program Statewide Reflection Contest where they submitted a painting, essay or poem on how YLN have impacted their lives.

Historical Data: Coca Cola/ VYP/ YLN partner for 40 years. The IDRA Youth Leadership Program is an in-school program for eighth-grade students in San Antonio and West Texas that combines three winning strategies: IDRA's Valued Youth Partnership with middle schoolers deemed high-need become tutors of elementary students; teacher mentoring to prepare for high school; and IDRA's family leadership model, Education CAFE, by engaging families and tutors in youth action research projects for their school community. The teacher mentors also participate in a professional learning community to impact the wider campus. This field-initiated, research-based program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Recommendation: Recognize Youth Leadership Students from Dwight, Zamora, and Shepard Middle Schools who won prizes in the IDRA Youth Leadership Program statewide reflection contest.

Purchasing Director and Approval Date: N/A

Funding Budget Code and Amount: N/A

Goal: 3; SSAISD will implement program initiatives and activities that reflect a commitment to preparing 100% of students for post secondary institutions or career paths.