Brownsville Independent School District

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

Item Title:	**Recognition of Ortiz Elementary as U.S. News and World Report´s Best Elementary Schools for 2025**		**Action**
		X	**Information**
			Discussion

BACKGROUND:

U.S. News Best K-8 Schools rankings are released each year to help families make one of the most important decisions in their children´s lives. To be recognized as a top elementary school by U.S. News and World Report, a school needs to demonstrate consistently high student achievement on state standardized tests in math and reading, particularly when considering student demographics, while also maintaining positive student-teacher ratios, signifying that the school is effectively educating students across different backgrounds; essentially, achieving high proficiency ratios on state assessments while accounting for the socioeconomic characteristics of the student body is key to a high ranking.

Ortiz Elementary earned a spot among U.S. News and World Report´s Best Elementary Schools for 2025, ranking 50th out of an incredible 6,609 elementary schools in Texas. At Ortiz Elementary, 87% of students scored at or above the proficient level for math, and 82% scored at or above that level for reading. The school´s minority student enrollment is 100%. The student-teacher ratio is 14:1. The student population is made up of 49% female students and 52% male students. The school enrolls 92% economically disadvantaged students. There are 35 equivalent full-time teachers and 2 full-time school counselors.

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

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Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.