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- (A) **Report Only** **Recognition**

Presenter(s): MR. GILBERTO GONZALEZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

RECOGNITION OF EAGLE PASS HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING SELECTED IN NEWSWEEK'S 2015 "BEATING THE ODDS" LIST.

- (B) **Action Item**

Presenter(s):

Briefly describe the action required.

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- (C) **Funding source: Identify the source of funds if any are required.**

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- (D) **Clarification: Explain any question or issues that might be raised regarding this item.**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gilberto Gonzalez, Superintendent of Schools
FROM: V. Moreno, Principal EPHS *v.m.*
Cc: Samuel Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for C & I
Re: Newsweek's 2015 "America's Top High Schools" Rankings
DATE: September 17, 2015

On August 19, 2015 **Newsweek**, a premier weekly news magazine owned by **IBT Media** announced the results of the **2015 High School Rankings**, created in collaboration with research partner Westat.

The rankings include a list of "America's Top High Schools" which identifies 500 public high schools nationwide that excel at preparing students for college by measuring factors including graduation rate, college enrollment rate, SAT and ACT scores and participation, AP/IB scores and participation, full time counselors to students ratio, dropout rate, enrollment in college courses during high school and state test scores. as well as "**Beating the Odds**," a list of 500 public high schools ranked on all the above measures but also accounts for the effects of social inequality on education by factoring in student poverty as reflected by eligibility for free/reduced price lunches.

Since 2014, *Newsweek* has published two separate lists in an effort to address the complexities of assessing "America's Top High Schools" when students' socioeconomic backgrounds are taken into account.

I am pleased to announce that EPHS has been ranked 333 in *Newsweek's* 2015 "**Beating the Odds**," list.

Jim Impoco, Editor in Chief of Newsweek has said, "Newsweek's High School Rankings are exceptional because of the many factors taken into consideration when selecting top schools as well as our look at inequality when it comes to education. We have unique insight into what public schools across the country are doing to prepare their students for college, which is a critical next step for graduating teens. Our analysis looks at a broad range of criteria and sheds light on schools that are setting the bar high for their students and helping them to succeed in the next chapter of their education."

If you need additional information do not hesitate to call. Thank you.