



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Conference Presentation

Board of Education Meeting: 04/09/24

Item Title:	<u>Commendation and Recognition of</u>	<u> </u>	Action
	<u>Cristal Suarez, Special Ed Resource Teacher</u>	<u> X </u>	Information
	<u>Southmost Elementary for Heroic and Bravery</u>	<u> </u>	Discussion
	<u>Action</u>	<u> </u>	

BACKGROUND:

On Monday, March 18, 2024, during the extended day dismissal at Southmost Elementary, Ms. Cristal Suarez, a Special Education Resource Teacher, demonstrated remarkable courage and quick thinking. While in the cafeteria area, she observed a student choking on a piece of food. Without hesitation, Ms. Suarez jumped into action, administering the Heimlich maneuver to the student. Her swift and decisive actions successfully dislodged the obstructing food, thereby saving the student's life.

Ms. Suarez has dedicated 14 years of service to the district, all of which have been spent at Southmost Elementary. Currently serving as a Special Education Resource Teacher for students in grades 1st through 5th, she is renowned for her compassion and dedication to her students. Ms. Suarez consistently goes above and beyond in her role, embodying the character of a caring and proactive educator.

Diana Gonzalez 
Submitted by: Principal, Southmost Elementary

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Dr. Alma Cardenas-Rubio 
**Recommended by: Assistant Superintendent-
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Beatriz Hernandez 
Approved by: Chief Academic Officer


Dr. Jesus Chavez, Superintendent of Schools