Agenda of Special Called Meeting
SCHOOL BOARD
LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Special Called Meeting of the School Board of **LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** will be held on **Wednesday, December 2, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM,** in the Alejandro "Alex" H. Saenz Performing Arts Center, 604 N. Coyote Blvd., La Joya, Texas 78560.

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER -** ***(Other)***
2. **ROLL CALL & DECLARE QUORUM -** ***(Other)***
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,** ***Julian Alvarez III, School Board President - (Other)***
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS -** ***(Synergy and Teamwork or Other)***
5. **STUDENT RECOGNITION(S) -** ***(Advocacy and Engagement)***

5.1. Recognition of Nathan Gael Montelongo, 2026 National STEM Engineering Award Recipient, *presented by Ms. Brenda Garcia, Executive Director for Math & Science, & Ms. Jodie Adair, Deputy Chief of School Leadership*

5.2. Recognition of La Joya ISD Special Olympics Athletes - 2026 Area Bowling Competition, *presented by Mr. José Peña, Executive Director of Athletics*

5.3. Recognition of Memorial Middle School Boys Soccer 7th Grade Division 1 District Champions, *presented by Mr. José Peña, Executive Director of Athletics*

5.4. Recognition of Palmview High School Girls Cross Country District 30-5A District Champions Regional and State Qualifiers, *presented by Mr. José Peña, Executive Director of Athletics*

5.5. Recognition of Palmview High School Boys Cross Country District 30-5A District Champions Regional Qualifiers, *presented by Mr. José Peña, Executive Director of Athletics*

5.6. Recognition of La Joya High School Boys Cross Country Regional Qualifier, *presented by Mr. José Peña, Executive Director of Athletics*

5.7. Recognition of Palmview High School Volleyball District 30-5A Bi-District Playoffs, *presented by Mr. José Peña, Executive Director of Athletics*

5.8. Recognition of La Joya High School Volleyball District 31-6A Bi-District Playoffs, *presented by Mr. José Peña, Executive Director of Athletics*

5.9. Recognition of Palmview High School Football District 16-5A Bi-District Playoff Qualifiers, *presented by Mr. José Peña, Executive Director of Athletics*

5.10. Recognition of La Joya High School Football District 31-6A Bi-District Playoff Qualifiers, *presented by Mr. José Peña, Executive Director of Athletics*

5.11. Recognition of Art Students and Teachers that Participated in the LJISD 4th Annual Chalk Art Festival, *presented by Mr. Ruben Adame, Fine Arts Executive Director*

5.12. Recognition of Juarez-Lincoln High School, La Joya High School, and Palmview High School Marching Bands, *presented by Mr. Ruben Adame, Fine Arts Executive Director*

5.13. Recognition of Juarez-Lincoln High School, La Joya High School, and Palmview High School Drill Teams, *presented by Mr. Ruben Adame, Fine Arts Executive Director*

6. **CALENDAR - *(Other)***

6.1. December 9, 2026: Regular Board Meeting

6.2. December 21, 2026, to January 1, 2027: School Holiday Break - Central Administration will be closed, and there will be no classes for students

7. **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS - *(Other)***

8. **ADJOURNMENT - *(Synergy and Teamwork)***

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

Posted: November 20, 2026
By: Mari Elizondo @ 3:15 p.m.

La Joya Independent School District
Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: December 2, 2026

District Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Student Recognition – Nathan Gael Montelongo, 2026 National STEM Engineering Award Recipient

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BACKGROUND:

Nathan Gael Montelongo, a 7th grade student at Lorenzo de Zavala Middle School, earned 2nd Place in the Engineering Award category at the 2026 Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge in Washington, D.C. Nathan was among 30 national finalists selected from 1,997 applicants nationwide.

RATIONALE:

Recognize Nathan's outstanding achievement in STEM for his innovative research on removing microplastics from contaminated water using chitosan. His accomplishment highlights student excellence in scientific research, engineering, and problem-solving.

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
NA	NA	NA
Purchasing Mechanism		***Additional Documentation***
NA		NA

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the La Joya ISD Board of Trustees recognize Nathan Gael Montelongo for his outstanding national achievement and 2nd Place Engineering Award at the 2026 Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge.

Initiated by:
Maribel Vigil, Science Instructional Specialist

Reviewed by:
Brenda Garcia, Executive Director for Math & Science

BF&AS Reviewed by: N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by:
Dr. Derek G. Little, Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:
Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

La Joya Independent School District
Board Agenda Item Submission

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District Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of La Joya ISD Special Olympics Athletes – 2026 Area Bowling Competition

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BACKGROUND:

On November 3–6, 2026, Special Olympics athletes from La Joya High School, Palmview High School, Juarez-Lincoln High School, and C.A.R.E. Academy competed at the Area Bowling Competition held at Main Event in Pharr, Texas. Together, the 54 athletes earned 19 gold, 17 silver, and 8 bronze medals, along with seven 4th-place, one 5th-place, and two 6th-place finishes.

RATIONALE:

Recognition of our student-athletes honors their dedication, determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship, while also acknowledging the coaches, families, and campuses whose support and encouragement contribute to their success.

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
N-/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		***Additional Documentation***
N/A		N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Board recognize the La Joya ISD Special Olympics for bowling athletes.

Initiated by:
Emily Cortez, Director of SPED Instructional Quality & IEP Systems

Reviewed by:
Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Supports and Student Enrichment

BF&AS Reviewed by:
N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by:
Dr. Derek Little, Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:
Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

La Joya Independent School District
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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of Memorial Middle School Boys Soccer 7th Grade Division 1 District Champions

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BACKGROUND:

We proudly recognize our 7th Grade Boys Soccer Team for their outstanding achievement, dedication, and hard work throughout the 2026-2027 soccer season. These student-athletes demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and commitment, achieving this well-deserved recognition.

RATIONALE:

Congratulations to the Memorial School Boys Soccer student-athletes and their coaches on earning the title of 7th Grade Division I District Champions. We proudly recognize their outstanding performance, teamwork, and dedication. This is a well-deserved accomplishment!

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		***Additional Documentation***
N/A		N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends recognition of Memorial Middle School Boys Soccer 7th Grade Division 1 District Champions.

Initiated by: Jose Peña, Executive Director of Athletics

Reviewed by: Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance

BF&AS Reviewed by: N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by: Dr. Derek Little, Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

Memorial MS — 7th Grade Division 1 Soccer

Recognition: District Champions

LJISD Middle School Soccer — 7th Grade Division 1 District Champions

Head coach / MS coordinator: not yet provided

Student Name (verify spelling)	Grade	Event / Position	Individual Honor / Finish	Notes
Joel Acosta	7			
Gabriel Adame	7			
Damian Barbosa	7			
Lian Cantu	7			
Gilberto Carranza	7			
Abel Contreras III	7			
Armando Contreras Jr.	7			
Gilberto Coyote Corona	7			
Daniel Deluna	7			
Argenis Garcia	7			
Jose G. Garcia	7			
Josiah Glass	7			
Luis Hidalgo	7			
Mario Lara-Roman	7			
Julio Lara	7			
Jose Luna Jr.	7			
Nicolas Medrano	7			
Julian Mendez	7			
Miguel Olguin	7			
Marcus Ramirez	7			
Jadiel Rodriguez	7			
Kevin Soto	7			
Andrew Trujillo	7			
Erik Valdez	7			

La Joya Independent School District
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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of Palmview High School Girls Cross Country District 30-5A District Champions Regional and State Qualifiers

BACKGROUND:

We proudly recognize the Palmview High School Girls Cross Country Team for their outstanding achievements, dedication, and hard work throughout the 2026–2027 season. These exceptional student-athletes have demonstrated remarkable determination, perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

RATIONALE:

Congratulations to the Palmview High School Girls Cross Country student-athletes and their coaches. We proudly recognize their outstanding performance and dedication. Their commitment and passion for the sport have made their school and community proud.

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
N/A	N/A	N/A

Purchasing Mechanism
N/A

Additional Documentation
N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends recognition of Palmview High Girls Cross Country District 30-5A District Champions, Regional and State Qualifiers.

Initiated by: J. Peña
Jose Peña, Executive Director of Athletics

Reviewed by:
Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:

M. Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

BF&AS Reviewed by: N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by:
Dr. Derek Little, Deputy Superintendent

Palmview HS — Varsity Girls Cross Country

Recognition: State Qualifier

Back-to-Back District 30-5A Champions | 4th place, Region IV-5A Meet (Oct 26–27) | 10th place, UIL State Meet (Nov 6–7, Round Rock)

Athletic Coordinators: Margarito Requenez / Claudia Bassan

Genesis Dolores Ramirez	12		State Medalist – 10th Place Regional Medalist – 2nd place District 30-5A Champion RGVCCA Meet Champion 1st Team All-Valley	
Corina Robles	11		State Qualifier 1st Team All-District 1st Team All-Valley	
Adamaris Chico	12		State Qualifier 1st Team All-District 2nd Team All-Valley	
Andrea Colon	11		State Qualifier 1st Team All-District	
Yariz Ibarra	12		State Qualifier 2nd Team All-District	
Belen Garcia	10		State Qualifier	
Dulce Torres	10		State Qualifier	
Alysse Gonzalez	12		State Qualifier	

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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of Palmview High School Boys Cross Country District 30-5A District Champions Regional Qualifiers

BACKGROUND:

We proudly recognize the Palmview High School Boys Cross Country Team for their outstanding achievements, dedication, and hard work throughout the 2026–2027 season. These exceptional student-athletes have demonstrated remarkable determination, perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

RATIONALE:

Congratulations to the Palmview High School Boys Cross Country student-athletes and their coaches. We proudly recognize their outstanding performance and dedication. Their commitment and passion for the sport have made their school and community proud.

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		***Additional Documentation***
N/A		N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends recognition of Palmview High Boys Cross Country District 30-5A District Champions, Regional Qualifiers.

Initiated by:
Jose Peña, Executive Director of Athletics

Reviewed by:
Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance

BF&AS Reviewed by:
N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by:
Dr. Derek Little, Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:
Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

Palmview HS — Varsity Boys Cross Country

Recognition: District Champions

District 30-5A Champions

Athletic Coordinators: Margarito Requenez / Claudia Bassan

Student Name (verify spelling)	Grade	Event / Position	Individual Honor / Finish	Notes
Azael Davila			State Qualifier 47th place, UIL State Meet	
Roeo Martinez	11th			
Joaquin Salinas	12th			
Rousbell Leos	11th			
Jesus Perales	11th			
Keith Bazan	10th			
Aldo Torres	9th			
Jose Luis Salinas	9th			

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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of La Joya High School Boys Cross Country Regional Qualifier

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BACKGROUND:

We proudly recognize John Pichardo La Joya High School Boys Cross Country student athlete for his outstanding achievements, dedication, and hard work throughout the 2026–2027 season. This exceptional student-athlete has demonstrated remarkable determination, perseverance and commitment.

RATIONALE:

Congratulations to John Pichardo La Joya High School Boys Cross Country student athlete and his coaches. We proudly recognize their outstanding performance and dedication. Their commitment and passion for the sport have made their school and community proud.

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		***Additional Documentation***
N/A		N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends recognition of La Joya High School Boys Cross Country student athlete, John Pichardo, Regional Qualifier.

Initiated by: Jose Peña, Executive Director of Athletics

Reviewed by: Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance

BF&AS Reviewed by: N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by: Dr. Derek Little, Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

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Recognition: Regional Qualifier
Region IV-6A Meet qualifier

Athletic Coordinators: Ruben Farias / Christopher Hernandez

John Pichardo	10	District 31-6A Cross Country Meet	5th place — Regional Qualifier 1st Team All-District	

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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of Palmview High School Volleyball District 30-5A Bi-District Playoffs

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BACKGROUND:

We proudly recognize our Palmview HS Volleyball Team for their outstanding achievement, dedication, and hard work throughout the 2026-2027 season. These student-athletes demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and commitment, achieving this well-deserved recognition.

RATIONALE:

Congratulations to the Palmview High School Volleyball student-athletes and their coaches for advancing to the Bi-District Playoffs. We proudly recognize their outstanding performance, teamwork, and dedication. This is a well-deserved accomplishment!

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
N/A	N/A	N/A

Purchasing Mechanism	*Additional Documentation*
N/A	N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends recognition of Palmview High School Volleyball District 30-5A Bi-District Playoffs

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Initiated by: Jose Peña, Executive Director of Athletics

Reviewed by: Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance

BF&AS Reviewed by: N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by: Dr. Derek Little, Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

Palmview HS — Varsity Volleyball

Recognition: Bi-District Playoff Qualifier

District 30-5A playoff qualifier — Bi-District Playoff Appearance

Athletic Coordinators: Margarito Requenez / Claudia Bassan

Jessica Arevalo	12	District 30-5A	Outstanding Libero of the Year	
Miley Zieske	12	District 30-5A	1st Team All District	
Kahlia Trevino	12	District 30-5A	1st Team All District	
Ayleen Trevino	12	District 30-5A	2nd Team All District	
Valeria Gauna	11	District 30-5A	Honorable Mention	
Elena Marroquin	10	District 30-5A		
Melany Ozuna	10	District 30-5A		
Samantha Salas	9	District 30-5A		
Aylani Trevino	9	District 30-5A		
Isabella Mathew	10	District 30-5A		
Anaya Hernandez	11	District 30-5A		
Ana Chapa	9	District 30-5A		

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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of La Joya High School Volleyball District 31-6A Bi-District Playoffs

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BACKGROUND:

We proudly recognize our La Joya HS Volleyball Team for their outstanding achievement, dedication, and hard work throughout the 2026-2027 season. These student-athletes demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and commitment, achieving this well-deserved recognition.

RATIONALE:

Congratulations to the La Joya High School Volleyball student-athletes and their coaches for advancing to the Bi-District Playoffs. We proudly recognize their outstanding performance, teamwork, and dedication. This is a well-deserved accomplishment!

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		***Additional Documentation***
N/A		N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends recognition of La Joya High School Volleyball District 31-6A Bi-District Playoffs

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Initiated by: Jose Peña, Executive Director of Athletics

Reviewed by: Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance

BF&AS Reviewed by: N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by: Dr. Derek Little, Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

La Joya HS — Varsity Volleyball

Recognition: Bi-District Playoff Qualifier

District 31-6A — 4th place; Bi-District Playoff Advancement | First time advancing to the playoffs since 1999 (confirm district number — see Notes for Joe)

Athletic Coordinators: Ruben Farias / Christopher Hernandez

Student Name (verify spelling)	Grade	Event / Position	Individual Honor / Finish	Notes
Deserie Alcala	12			
Janell Gonzalez	11			
Alexandra Marroquin	11			
Brianna Reyna	12			
Rylee Romero	10			
Jennica Solis	10			
Allison Tomaselli	10			
Georgia Townsend	12			
Azul Villasana	10			
Suleidy Zuniga	10			

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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of Palmview High School Football District 16-5A Bi-District Playoff Qualifier

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BACKGROUND:

We proudly recognize the Palmview High School Football Team for their outstanding achievements, dedication, and hard work throughout the 2026–2027 Football season. These exceptional student-athletes have demonstrated remarkable determination, perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

RATIONALE:

Congratulations to the Palmview High School Football student-athletes and their coaches. We proudly recognize their outstanding performance and dedication. Their commitment and passion for the sport have made their school and community proud.

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		***Additional Documentation***
N/A		N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends recognition of Palmview High School Football, District 16-5A Bi-District Playoff Qualifier.

Initiated by: Jose Peña, Executive Director of Athletics

Reviewed by: Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance

BF&AS Reviewed by: N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by: Dr. Derek Little, Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

Palmview HS — Varsity Football

Recognition: Bi-District Playoff Qualifier

District 15-5A — 3rd place playoff qualifier | Bi-District round Nov 12–14 (result pending)

Head Coach / Athletic Coordinator: Margarito Requenez Jr. | Assistant Coordinator: Claudia Bassan

Student Name (verify spelling)	Grade	Event / Position	Individual Honor / Finish	Notes
Joshua Flores	12	LB/RB		No. 0
Jovanny Berrones	12	WR/DB		No. 1
Sebastian Garcia	12	DB/WR		No. 2
Dennis Soto	12	WR/DB		No. 3
Edgar Villalpando	12	QB		No. 4
Dario De Hoyos	12	DL/TE		No. 5
Kevin Miranda	12	WR/DB		No. 7
Aroldo Solis	12	DB/WR		No. 8
Jose Paz	11	WR/DB		No. 9
Julio Guerra	12	WR/DB		No. 10
Hector Gonzalez	12	DB/WR		No. 11
Joseph Garza	12	DL/OL		No. 12
Andrik Cantu	10	WR/DB		No. 13
Zeke Manzetti	11	WR/DB		No. 14
Cyrus Rodriguez	11	LB/RB		No. 15
Michael Bautista	12	QB		No. 16
Abel Cortez	11	LB/RB		No. 17
Roy Solis	9	QB/DB		No. 19
Elician Rosales	12	LB/RB		No. 20
Emiliano De Hoyos	10	DB/WR		No. 21
Aiden Ramirez	12	RB/LB		No. 22
Ivan Salinas	11	RB/LB		No. 23
Edward Campos	12	RB/LB		No. 24
Christian Perez	12	LB/RB		No. 25
Isai Rodriguez	12	LB/RB		No. 26
Anthony Bautista	11	RB/LB		No. 27
Rosbel Rebollozo	11	K		No. 28
Julio Gomez	11	K/LB		No. 29
Evan Gomez	11	LB/RB		No. 30
Artemio Quintanilla	12	LB/RB		No. 31
Abram Martinez	12	RB/LB		No. 32
Adrian Rivas	12	RB/LB		No. 34
Landon Espino	9	RB/LB		No. 35
Gael Ibarra	12	DB/WR		No. 38
Arturo Alvarado	11	DB/WR		No. 40
Gustavo Garza	12	DB/TE		No. 44
Jayden Rios	10	RB/LB		No. 45
Rodrigo Rangel	12	DL/OL		No. 48
Johan Peralta	12	DL/OL		No. 50
Ryan Sepulveda	10	DL/OL		No. 52
Ever Garcia	12	DL/OL		No. 55
Edhiel Cavazos	11	OL/DL		No. 57
Joel Reyna	12	OL/DL		No. 58
Gabriel Cordova	10	OL/DL		No. 62
Ricardo Benitez	10	OL/DL		No. 64
Juan Sanchez	12	OL/DL		No. 66
Jiovanany Villarreal	12	OL/DL		No. 67
Arturo Pena	12	OL/DL		No. 70
Darian Salazar	10	OL/DL		No. 72
Juan Escoido	12	OL/DL		No. 73
Jayden Ramirez	11	OL/DL		No. 74
Fernando Mata	11	OL		No. 75
Jesus Olivo	10	OL/DL		No. 76
Juan Sanchez	12	TE/DL		No. 80

Palmview HS — Varsity Football

Recognition: Bi-District Playoff Qualifier

District 15-5A — 3rd place playoff qualifier | Bi-District round Nov 12–14 (result pending)

Head Coach / Athletic Coordinator: Margarito Requenez Jr. | Assistant Coordinator: Claudia Bassan

Jose Mata	11	WR/DB		No. 81
Rodney Alonzo	12	WR/DB		No. 82
Samuel Martinez	12	WR/DB		No. 83
Edwardo Alvarado	11	DB/TE		No. 84
Kevin Soliz	12	TE/DL		No. 85
Pablo Hernandez	12	OL/DL		No. 90
Christopher Vargas	12	DL/OL		No. 92

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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of La Joya High School Football District 31-6A Bi-District Playoff Qualifier

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BACKGROUND:

We proudly recognize the La Joya High School Football Team for their outstanding achievements, dedication, and hard work throughout the 2026–2027 Football season. These exceptional student-athletes have demonstrated remarkable determination, perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

RATIONALE:

Congratulations to the La Joya High School Football student-athletes and their coaches. We proudly recognize their outstanding performance and dedication. Their commitment and passion for the sport have made their school and community proud.

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		***Additional Documentation***
N/A		N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends recognition of La Joya High School Football District 31-6A Bi-District Playoff Qualifier

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Initiated by: Jose Peña, Executive Director of Athletics

Reviewed by: Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance

BF&AS Reviewed by: N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by: Dr. Derek Little, Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

La Joya HS — Varsity Football

Recognition: Bi-District Playoff Qualifier

District 31-6A — 4th place playoff qualifier | Bi-District round Nov 12–14 (result pending)

Head Coach / Athletic Coordinator: Ruben Farias | Assistant Coordinator: Christopher Hernandez

Student Name (verify spelling)	Grade	Event / Position	Individual Honor / Finish	Notes
Dante Perez	12	WR		No. 1
Jorge Vela	11	DB		No. 2
Stuart Benoit	10	WR		No. 3
Nick Rivera	9	QB		No. 4
Owen Benoit	12	QB		No. 5
Manuel Nunez	10	QB/WR		No. 6
Ricardo Ramirez "RJ"	10	DB		No. 7
Demarcus Garza	11	WR		No. 8
Leo Maldonado	12	DB		No. 9
Javier Vargas	12	DB		No. 10
Luis Arjona	11	WR		No. 11
Max Rivas	12	DL		No. 12
Sal Villagran	10	WR		No. 13
Ivan Cuellar	11	LB		No. 14
Gary Montelongo	11	LB		No. 15
Jayden De Leon	11	DB		No. 16
Rudy Silva	12	K/P		No. 17
Angel Guevara	11	DB		No. 18
Dominic Maddan	9	WR		No. 19
Michael Alaniz	11	LB		No. 20
Adrian Mercado	12	DB		No. 21
Leo Garcia	12	DB		No. 22
Aries Gutierres	11	RB		No. 23
Eduardo Solis	9	RB		No. 24
Aquilies Chapa	11	LB		No. 25
Fabian Arjona	10	RB		No. 27
Jayden Barrientos	12	K/P		No. 28
Horacio Alaniz	12	DL		No. 30
Andrew Ramirez	12	DL		No. 31
Abram Armijo	11	K/P		No. 32
Roel Flores	9	DB		No. 35
Kevin De La Rosa	9	DB		No. 36
Rene Perez	12	DL		No. 38
Fabian Ochoa	11	DL		No. 40
Michael Sullivan	9	DB		No. 42
Tristan Rodriguez	9	DB		No. 43
Ivan Cruz	9	K		No. 45
Soid Zamora	11	DB		No. 46
Hector Padilla	11	DL		No. 48
Anthony Dominguez	12	OL		No. 50
Jayden Garcia	9	OL		No. 53
Benjamin Perales	12	DL		No. 55
Issac Segura	11	DL		No. 56
Raul Hernandez	10	DL		No. 57
Jaiden Manriquez	11	OL		No. 60
Jaziel Coronado	10	OL		No. 62
Fernando Martinez	12	OL		No. 66
Michael Lopez	9	OL		No. 67
Elian Garza	9	OL		No. 68
Achillies Esquivel	12	OL		No. 70
Aldo Gongora	10	OL		No. 71
Abraham Sepulveda	11	OL		No. 72
Ramiro Soto	10	OL		No. 74
Diego Ramirez	11	OL		No. 75

La Joya HS — Varsity Football

Recognition: Bi-District Playoff Qualifier

District 31-6A — 4th place playoff qualifier | Bi-District round Nov 12–14 (result pending)

Head Coach / Athletic Coordinator: Ruben Farias | Assistant Coordinator: Christopher Hernandez

Romeo Garcia	12	OL		No. 77
Miguel Rosas	9	OL		No. 79
Edgar Herrera	9	WR		No. 80
Mauricio Estrada	12	TE		No. 81
David Ramos	10	TE		No. 82
Zadkiel Solis	11	TE		No. 84
Damian Garza	10	TE		No. 87
Jonathan Avila	10	WR		No. 88
Oscar Longoria	12	DL		No. 92
Yadel Beltran	10	DL		No. 94
Nelio Leal	12	DL		No. 99

La Joya Independent School District
Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: December 2, 2026

District Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of Art students and teachers that participated in the LJISD 4th Annual Chalk Art Festival.

BACKGROUND:

Recognition of the outstanding students and teachers from Palmview High School, La Joya High School, Juarez-Lincoln High School, Jimmy Carter High School, College & Career Center High School, De Zavala Middle School, and Chavez Middle School for their exceptional creativity, artistic talent, and participation in the 4th Annual La Joya ISD Chalk Art Festival.

RATIONALE:

Celebrate and recognize the exceptional artistic talent, creativity, and dedication demonstrated by our students and Fine Arts teachers during the 4th Annual La Joya ISD Chalk Art Festival.

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
0.00	N/A	N/A

Purchasing Mechanism	*Additional Documentation*
Recommend approval of recognition.	Students and teachers will be presented with certificates.

RECOMMENDATION:

Initiated by:
Ruben Adame, Fine Arts Executive Director

Reviewed by:
Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Supports & School Enrichment

BF&AS Reviewed by:
N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by:
Dr. Derek Little, Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

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Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: December 2, 2026

District Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of Juarez Linoln High School, La Joya High School, and Palmview High School Marching Bands.

BACKGROUND:

The Juarez Lincoln HS, La Joya HS, and Palmview HS marching bands earned a division one rating at the 83rd Annual Pigskin Jubilee Marching Contest held at the La Joya ISD Pack Stadium on October 17, 2026. This achievement qualified all our HS Bands to advance to the 2026 UIL Area G Marching Band Contest.

RATIONALE:

Student Representatives and Directors from all three high school bands will be recognized for earning a division one rating for their performances at the 83rd Annual Pigskin Jubilee Marching Band Contest.

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
N/A	N/A	N/A

Purchasing Mechanism	*Additional Documentation*
Recommend approval of recognition.	Student Representatives from each High School will be presented with a recognition plaque.

RECOMMENDATION:

Initiated by:
Ruben Adame, Fine Arts Executive Director

Reviewed by:
Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Supports & School Enrichment

BF&AS Reviewed by:
N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by:
Dr. Derek Little, Deputy Superintendent

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:
Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

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Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: December 2, 2026

District Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of Juarez Linoln High School, La Joya High School, and Palmview High School Drill Teams.

BACKGROUND:

The Juarez Lincoln HS, La Joya HS, and Palmview HS drill teams earned a division one rating at the 2026 Texas Dance Education Association Assessment held at the PSJA ISD Football Stadium on November 18, 2026.

RATIONALE:

Student Representatives and Directors from all three high school drill teams will be recognized for earning a division one rating for their performances at the 2026 Texas Dance Education Association Assessment.

BUDGET:

Cost	*Funding Source*	*Vendor*
N/A	N/A	N/A

Purchasing Mechanism	*Additional Documentation*
Recommend approval of recognition.	Student Representatives from each High School will be presented with a recognition plaque.

RECOMMENDATION:

Initiated by: Ruben Adame, Fine Arts Executive Director

Reviewed by: Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Supports & School Enrichment

BF&AS Reviewed by: N/A

Executive Cabinet Review by: Dr. Derek Little, Deputy Superintendent

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Dr. Marcey Sorensen
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