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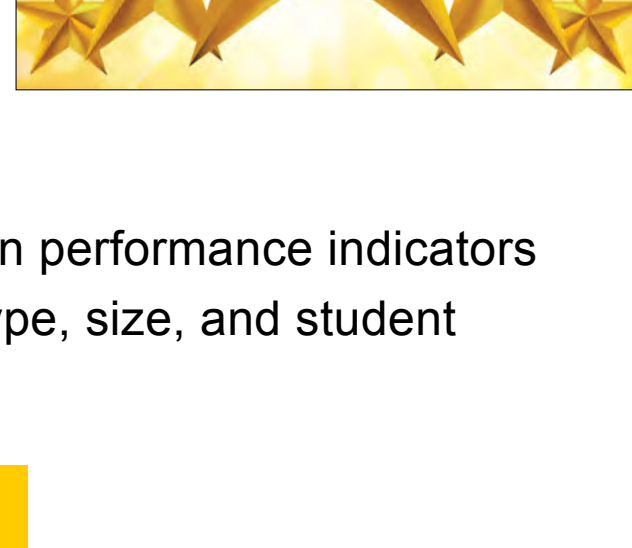
Teacher Andrea Greimel surprised with two award announcements

Andrea Greimel, a bilingual pre-kindergarten teacher at Carvajal Early Childhood Education Center, received two surprise announcements Aug. 16. In front of her students, Greimel was named the 2019 Elementary Teacher of the Year by Education Service Center, Region 20 and also a finalist for 2019 Texas Teacher of the Year by the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA).


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34 SAISD schools earn 2018 Distinction Designations


Thirty-four SAISD schools earned one or more Distinction Designations from the Texas Education Agency based on their students' performance on the 2018 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR. Distinction designations are awarded to campuses based on achievement in performance indicators relative to a group of 40 campuses of similar type, size, and student demographics across the state.



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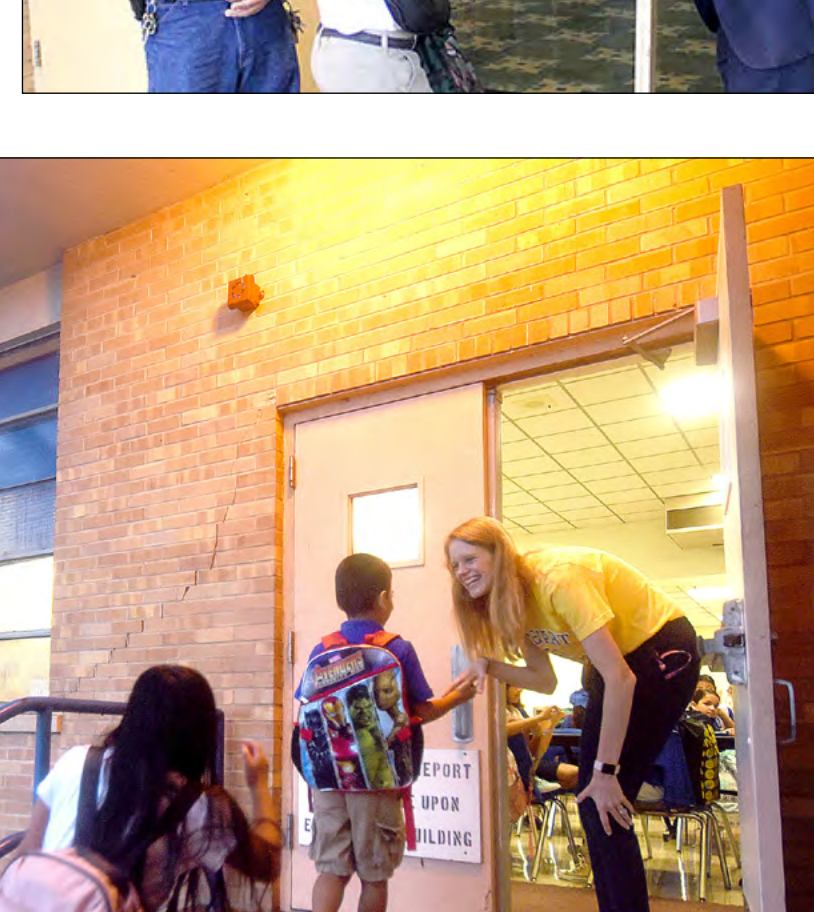
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2018 State Accountability Ratings podcast

Listen as SAISD Superintendent Pedro Martinez shares his thoughts on the District's 2018 State Accountability Ratings.

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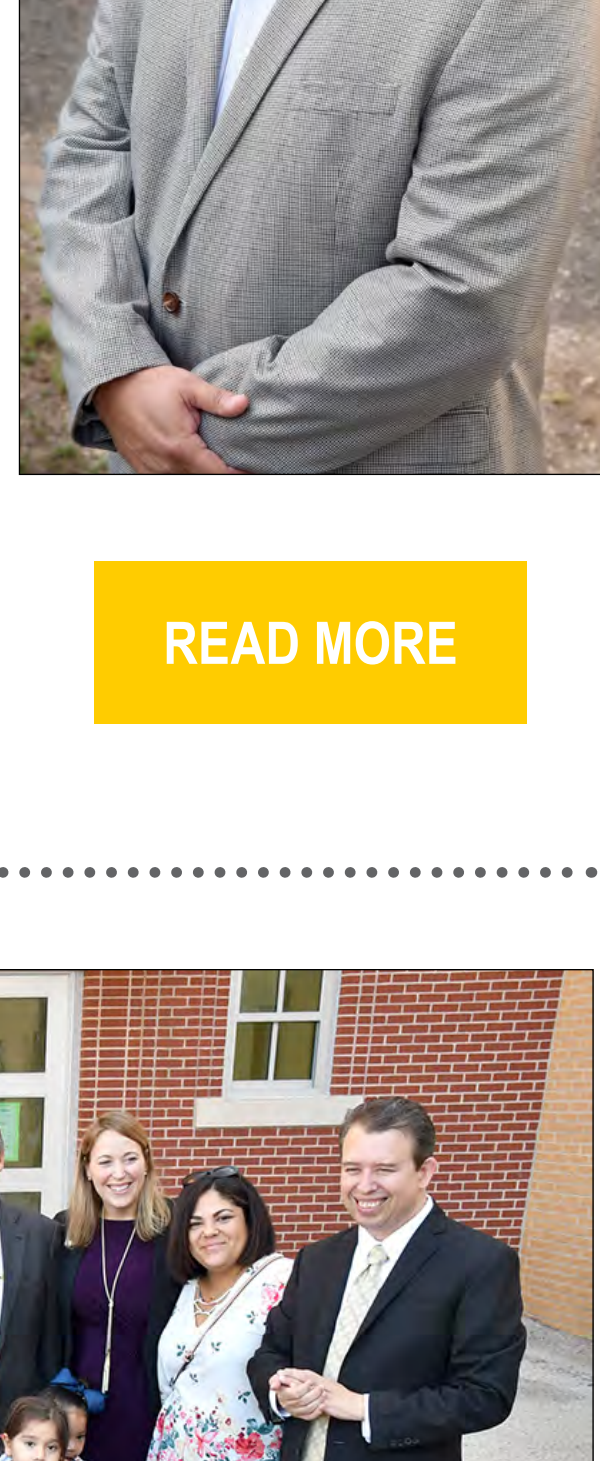
First day of classes for the 2018-19 year

From red carpets, to colorful signs, to photo booths, a variety of special activities greeted SAISD students as teachers, staff and administrators enthusiastically welcomed them back for the 2018-19 school year on Aug. 13, 2018. To see more first day photos from across the District, click below.

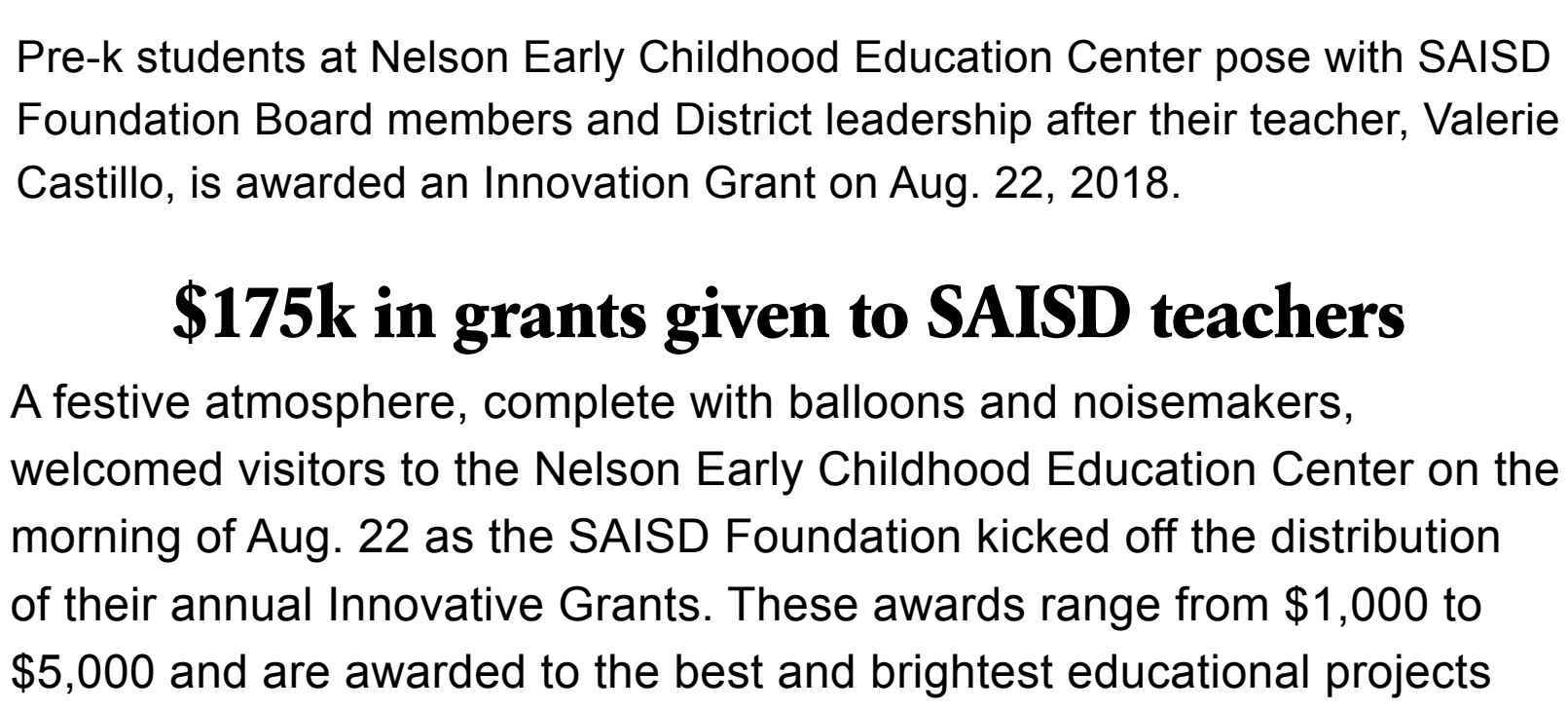
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Q&A with Dr. Courtney Gober: SAISD's first assistant superintendent for IB schools

Dr. Courtney Gober is passionate about the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. And as the assistant superintendent for IB schools, a brand new position at SAISD this year, Gober will be overseeing the IB programs at the District's four IB World Schools and five IB candidate schools. The new assistant superintendent position was added as a strategic priority for the District to provide focused leadership to build the long-term programmatic capacity of SAISD's IB schools. *Insider* had the chance to sit down with Gober and get to know a little bit more about one of the District's newest administrative additions.



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Pre-k students at Nelson Early Childhood Education Center pose with SAISD Foundation Board members and District leadership after their teacher, Valerie Castillo, is awarded an Innovation Grant on Aug. 22, 2018.

\$175k in grants given to SAISD teachers

A festive atmosphere, complete with balloons and noisemakers, welcomed visitors to the Nelson Early Childhood Education Center on the morning of Aug. 22 as the SAISD Foundation kicked off the distribution of their annual Innovative Grants. These awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and are awarded to the best and brightest educational projects proposed by individuals and teams of SAISD educators.

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New teacher grants

Are you a new teacher to SAISD? Apply for a New Teacher Supply Grant! Applications are open now and must be received by Aug. 31. Click below to download the application and see how easy it is to apply.

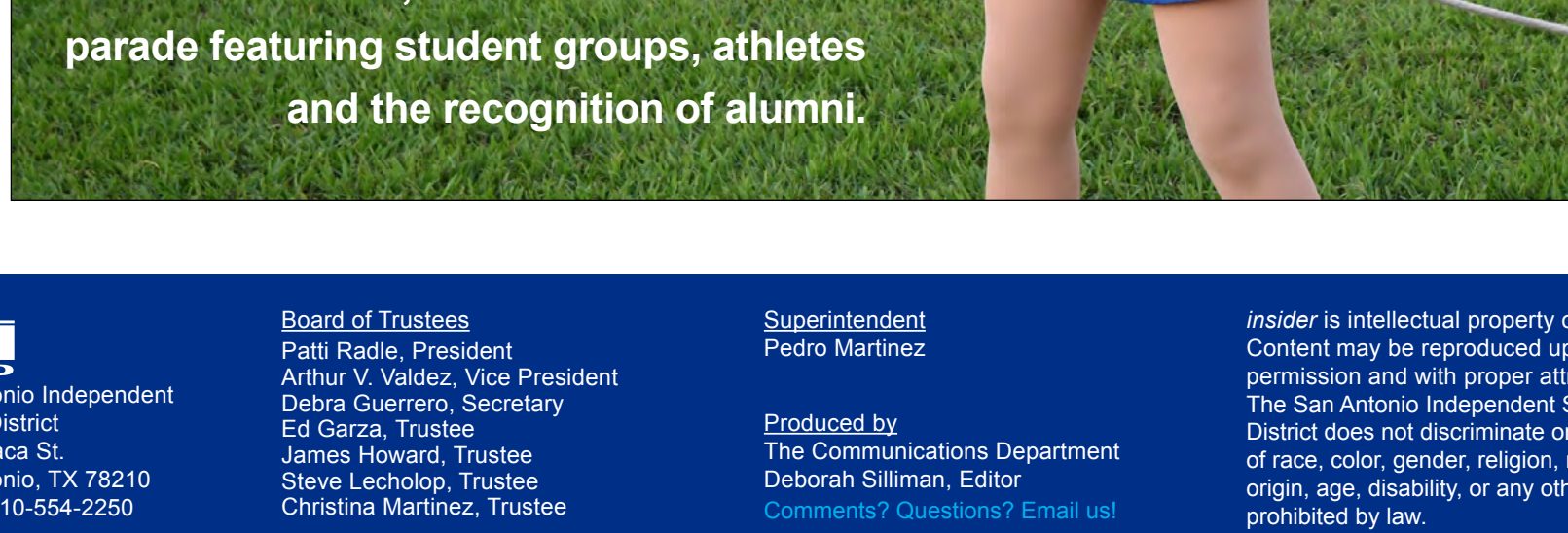
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A member of the Jefferson HS Lassos pep squad shows off her skills at the school's annual review and ice cream social on Aug. 17. The yearly event is billed as the city's oldest ice cream social and has been taking place for more than 80 years. Barbecue plate dinners were sold and dinner was followed by ice cream and the Pass and Review, the school's traditional parade featuring student groups, athletes and the recognition of alumni.