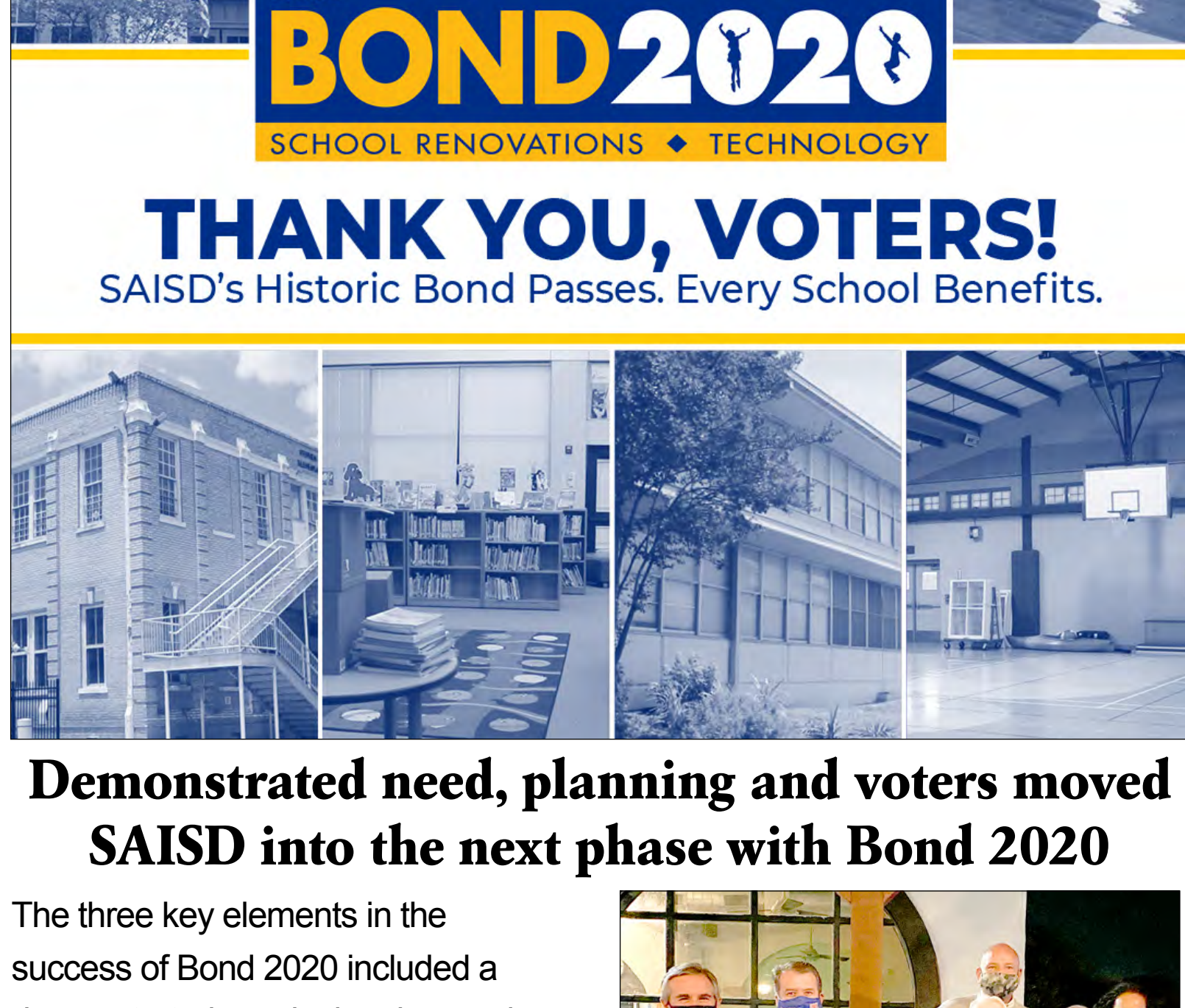
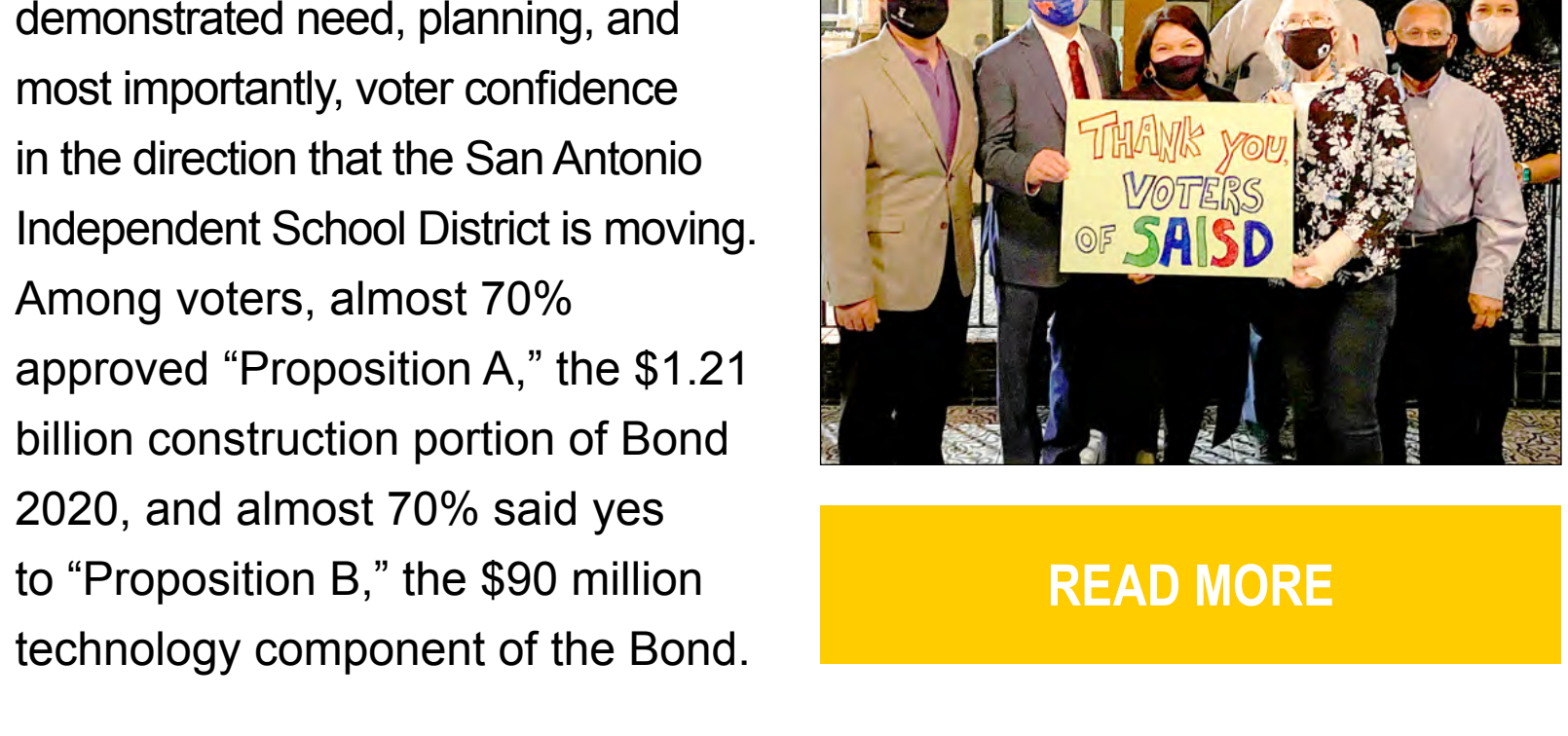


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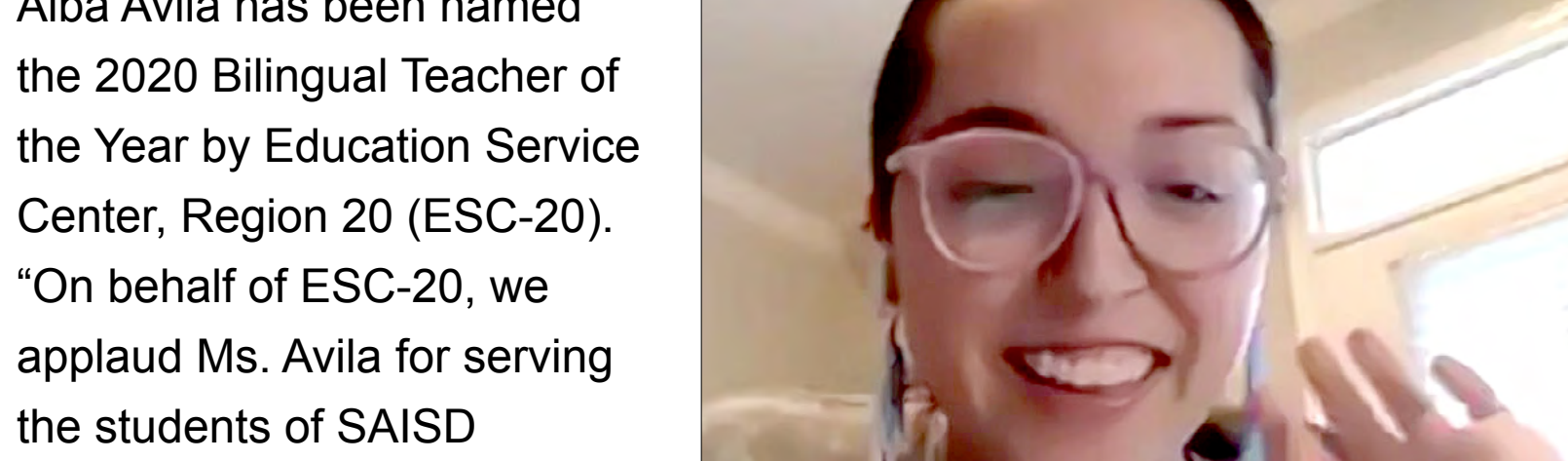


Demonstrated need, planning and voters moved SAISD into the next phase with Bond 2020

The three key elements in the success of Bond 2020 included a demonstrated need, planning, and most importantly, voter confidence in the direction that the San Antonio Independent School District is moving. Among voters, almost 70% approved "Proposition A," the \$1.21 billion construction portion of Bond 2020, and almost 70% said yes to "Proposition B," the \$90 million technology component of the Bond.



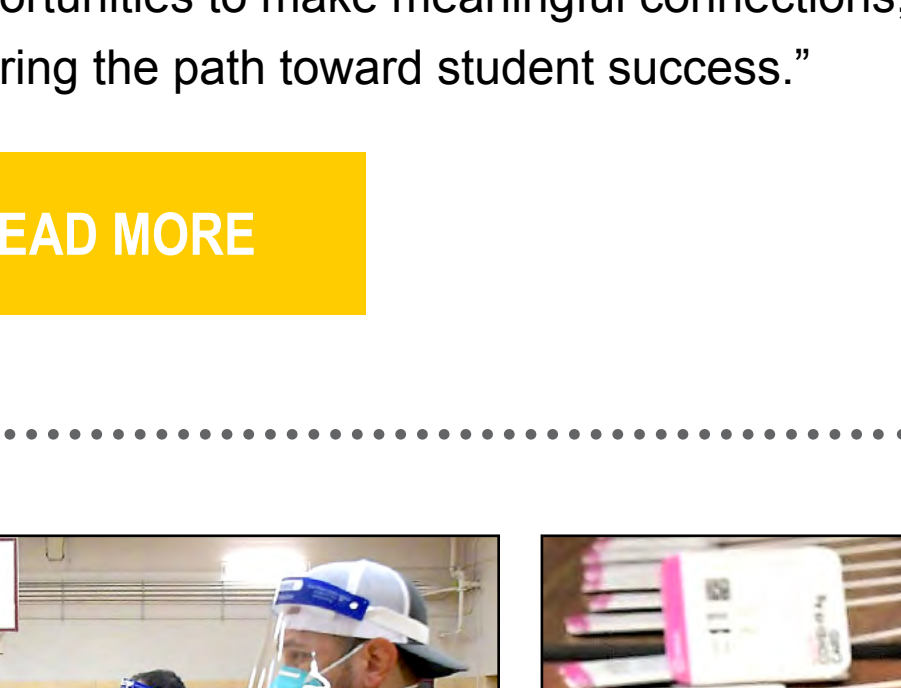
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SAISD teacher awarded for excellence in dual language teaching

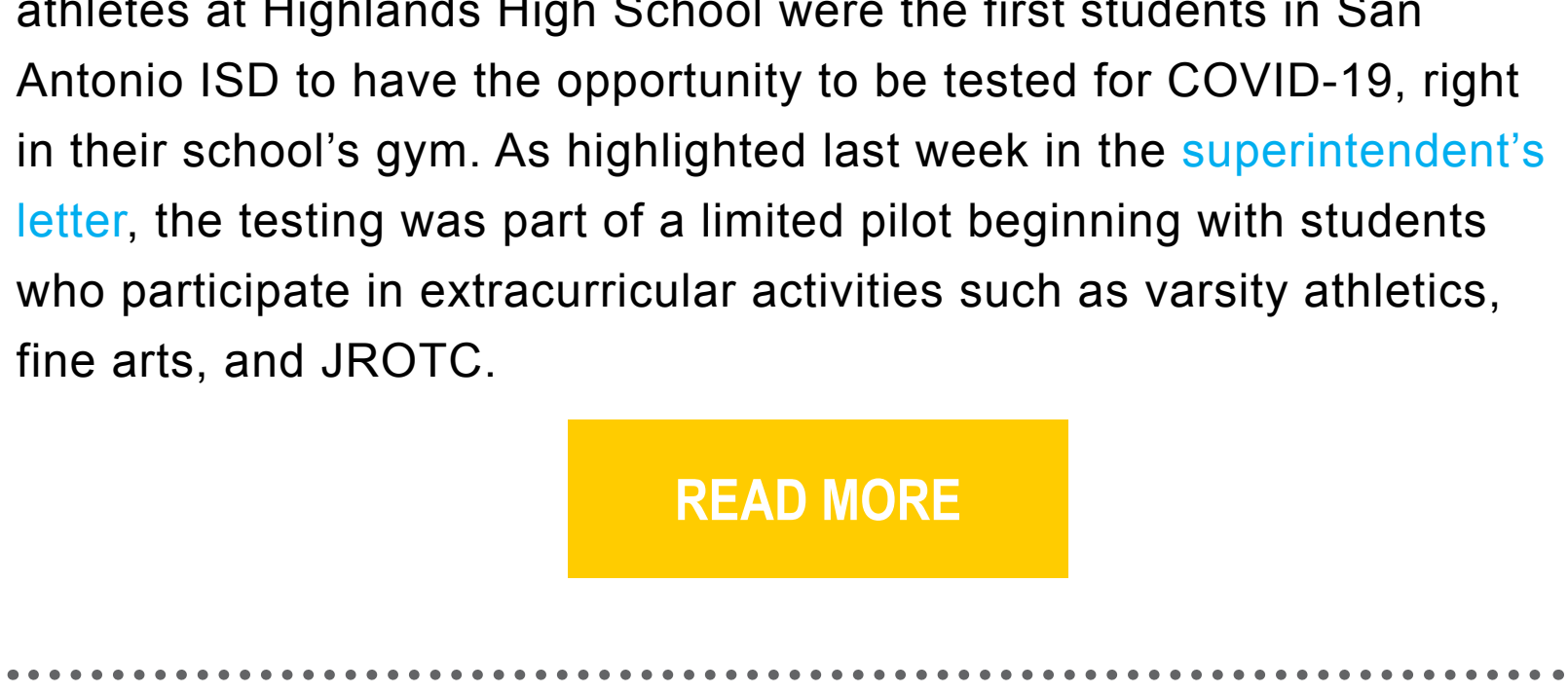
Neal Elementary School fifth-grade dual language educator Alba Avila has been named the 2020 Bilingual Teacher of the Year by Education Service Center, Region 20 (ESC-20).

"On behalf of ESC-20, we applaud Ms. Avila for serving the students of SAISD with great passion and commitment," said Dr. Jeff



Goldhorn, ESC-20 executive director. "While working with her bilingual communities, she has found opportunities to make meaningful connections, while removing barriers and clearing the path toward student success."

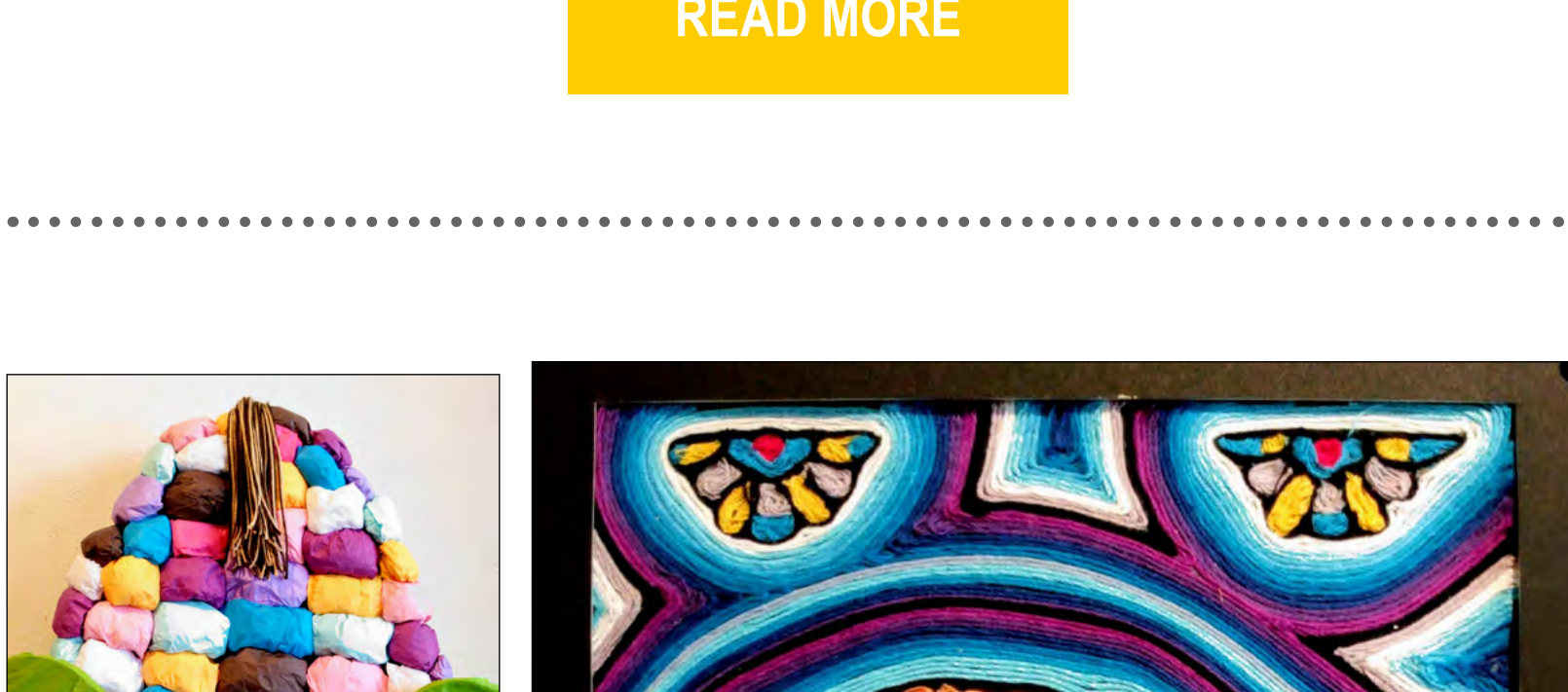
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COVID testing provided at no cost to students

In a typical school year, student-athletes do everything together. They practice together. They eat lunch together. They ride the bus together. And this year, they take COVID-19 tests together. On Tuesday, athletes at Highlands High School were the first students in San Antonio ISD to have the opportunity to be tested for COVID-19, right in their school's gym. As highlighted last week in the [superintendent's letter](#), the testing was part of a limited pilot beginning with students who participate in extracurricular activities such as varsity athletics, fine arts, and JROTC.

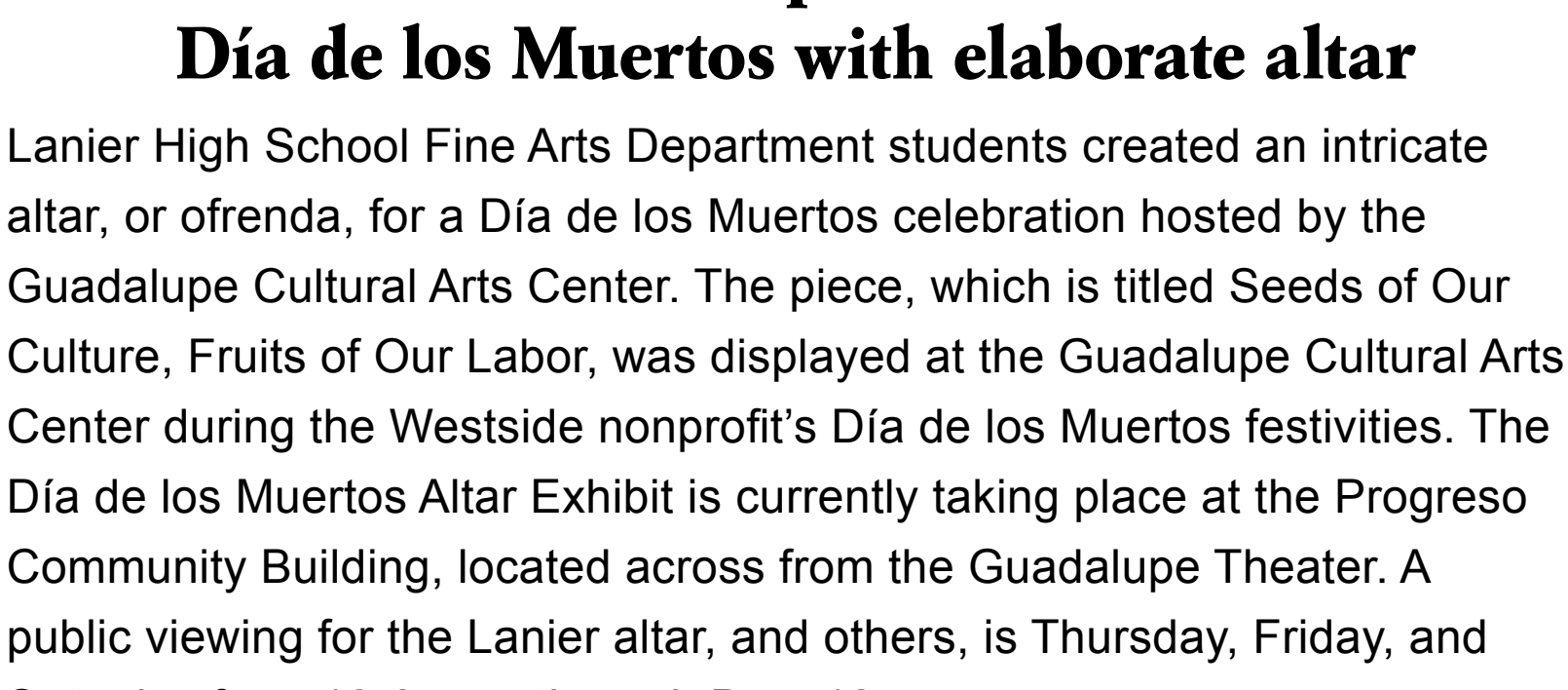
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SAISD students earn recognition from Gates and QuestBridge Scholarship programs

A total of 17 San Antonio ISD seniors demonstrating leadership ability, personal success, and academic merits have earned recognition for two prestigious scholarship awards. Six students were named Phase 1 Scholars for The Gates Scholarship, and 12 were named finalists for the QuestBridge Scholarship Program. One student from Travis Early College High School was recognized for both scholarship programs.

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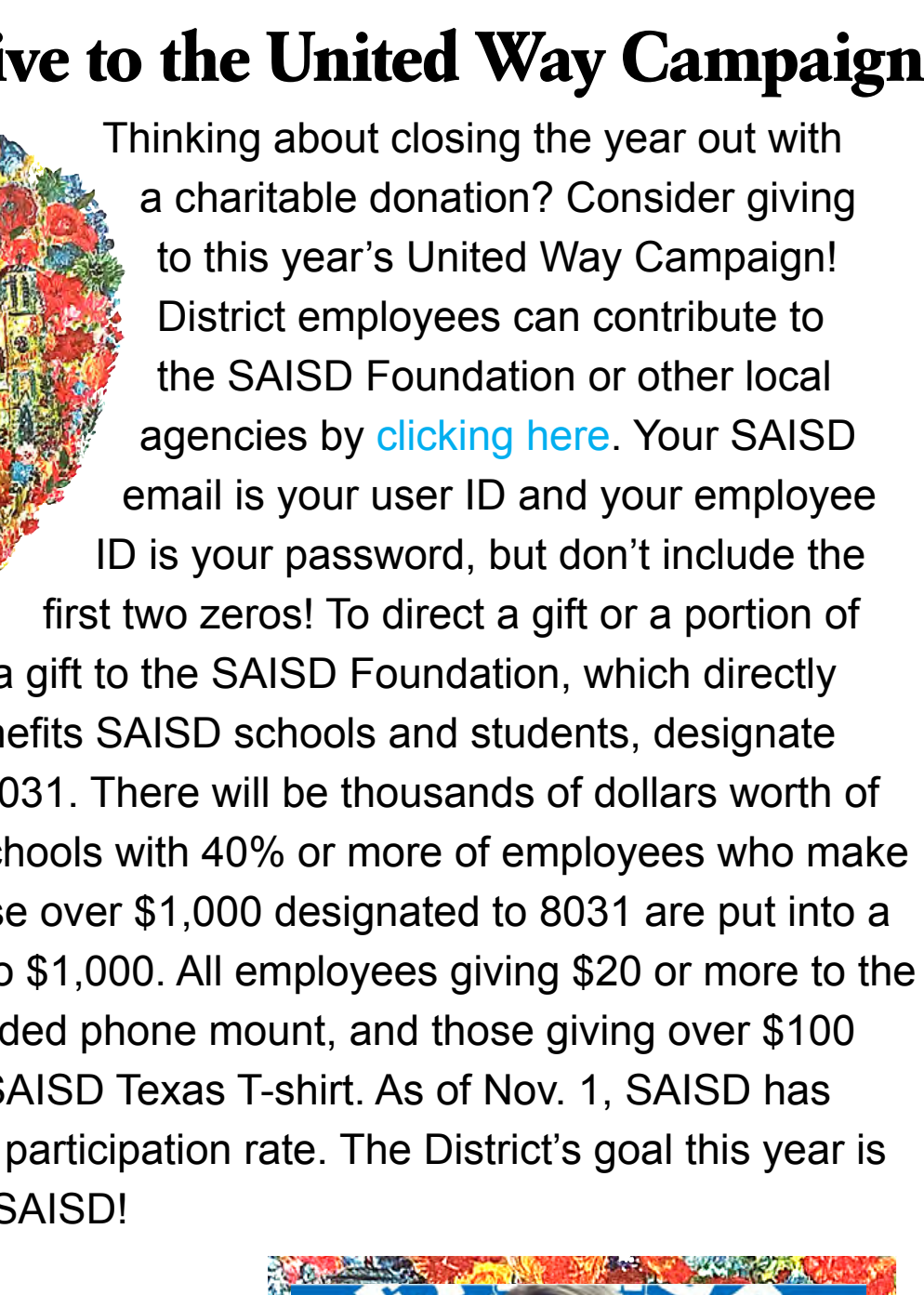


Lanier Fine Arts Department celebrates Día de los Muertos with elaborate altar

Lanier High School Fine Arts Department students created an intricate altar, or ofrenda, for a Día de los Muertos celebration hosted by the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center. The piece, which is titled Seeds of Our Culture, Fruits of Our Labor, was displayed at the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center during the Westside nonprofit's Día de los Muertos festivities. The Día de los Muertos Altar Exhibit is currently taking place at the Progreso Community Building, located across from the Guadalupe Theater. A public viewing for the Lanier altar, and others, is Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 12-6 p.m. through Dec. 12.

Setting the stage for a love of learning: Early Childhood Education at SAISD

San Antonio ISD's Head Start and Pre-K programs are one of a kind! In addition to offering Head Start and Pre-K at 55 academy and elementary school locations, SAISD is the only District in Bexar County to have five Early Childhood Education Centers dedicated to the education and development of our youngest learners.



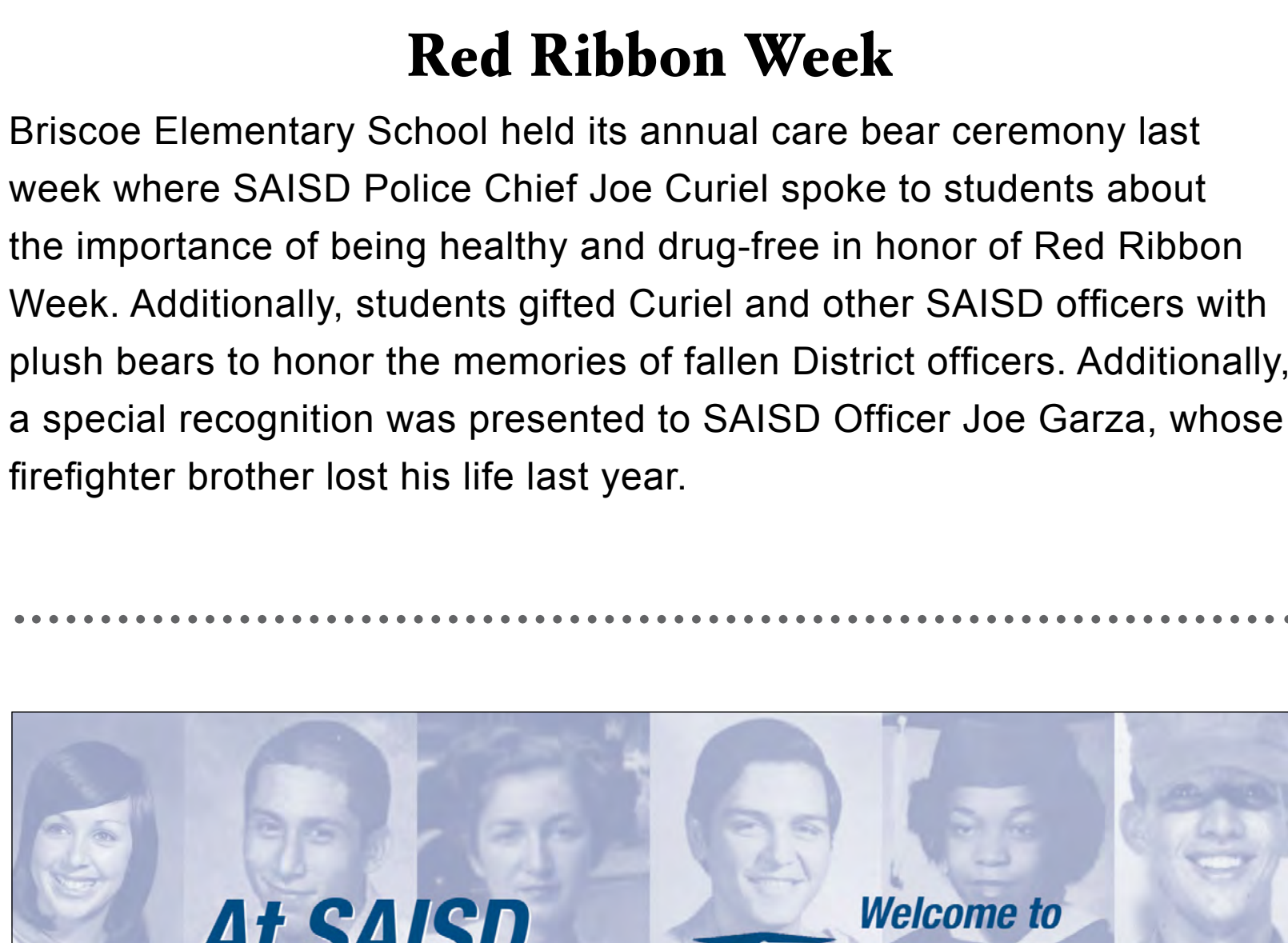
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It's not too late to the United Way Campaign



Thinking about closing the year out with a charitable donation? Consider giving to this year's United Way Campaign! District employees can contribute to the SAISD Foundation or other local agencies by [clicking here](#). Your SAISD email is your user ID and your employee ID is your password, but don't include the first two zeros! To direct a gift or a portion of a gift to the SAISD Foundation, which directly benefits SAISD schools and students, designate code #8031. There will be thousands of dollars worth of grants awarded to schools. Schools with 40% or more of employees who make a donation to 8031 or who raise over \$1,000 designated to 8031 are put into a drawing for school grants up to \$1,000. All employees giving \$20 or more to the Foundation will receive a branded phone mount, and those giving over \$100 will receive the Foundation's SAISD Texas T-shirt. As of Nov. 1, SAISD has raised \$49,990 with an 8.48% participation rate. The District's goal this year is \$230,000. Let's do this, team SAISD!

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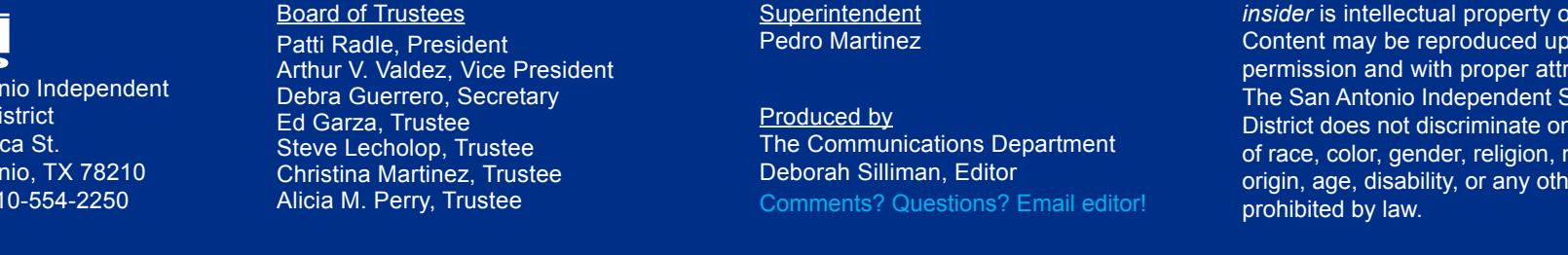
Red Ribbon Week

Briscoe Elementary School held its annual care bear ceremony last week where SAISD Police Chief Joe Curiel spoke to students about the importance of being healthy and drug-free in honor of Red Ribbon Week. Additionally, students gifted Curiel and other SAISD officers with plush bears to honor the memories of fallen District officers. Additionally, a special recognition was presented to SAISD Officer Joe Garza, whose firefighter brother lost his life last year.



Connect with SAISD community

The SAISD Foundation recently launched SAISD Nation, an online community for alumni, supporters, and former employees of the San Antonio ISD. By joining SAISD Nation, you can do a variety of things including raise money to build on student and teacher success in SAISD; share your talents and give back to students by volunteering; support students and teachers attending your former high, middle, or elementary school by awarding a scholarship or teacher grant in your name; or sponsor and conduct activities that foster positive community, family and student spirit! There are opportunities for everyone. [Join today!](#)



This week's closing shot

Crawly, but not creepy!
This past weekend, volunteers stenciled a colorful, alphabet-themed centipede in the courtyard at Twain Dual Language Academy. Each body part is one of the ABCs that young children learn to recite at an early age. Other imaginative additions to the courtyard will activate children's natural desire to be in motion, encouraging them to play hopscotch, to Jump! and to follow other action-oriented words and designs in both English and Spanish for this dual language campus.

