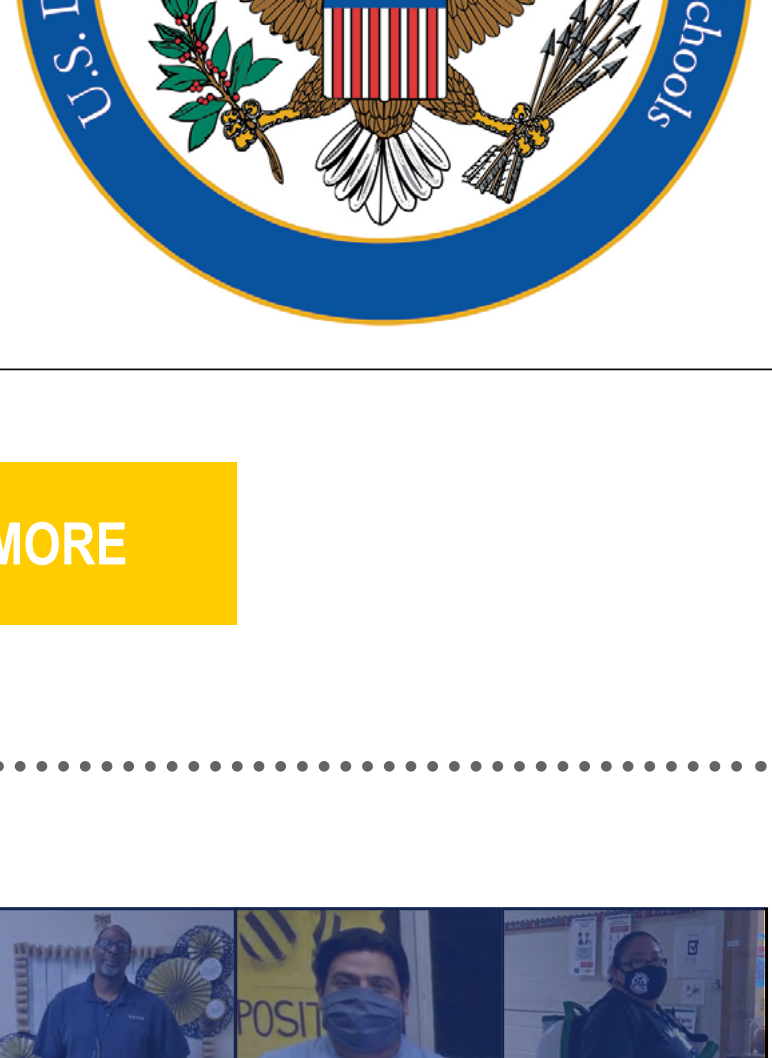


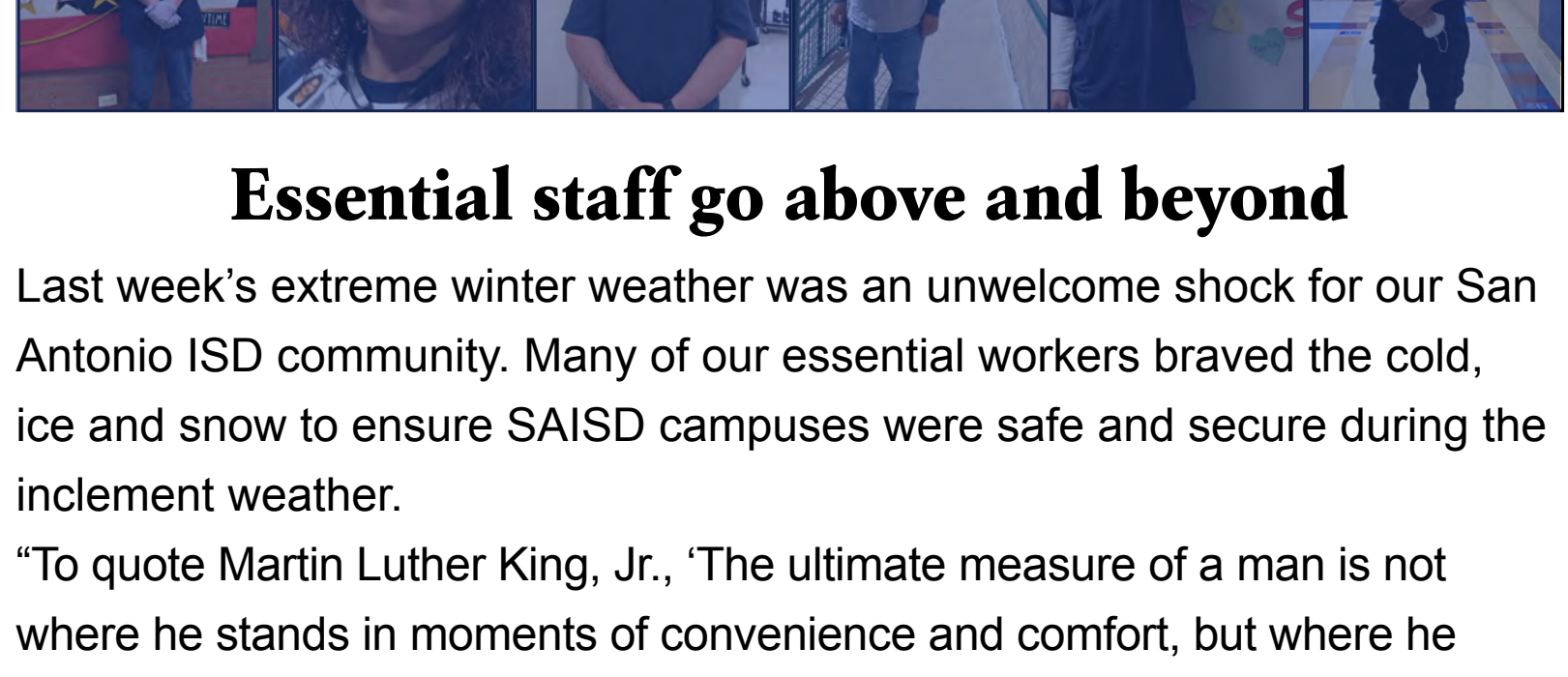
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YWLA nominated by state for 2021 National Blue Ribbon honors

Congratulations to the Young Women's Leadership Academy for being nominated as a 2021 Texas Exemplary High Performing Blue Ribbon School! It is the only school from the San Antonio and Bexar County area to receive a nomination this year from the state.



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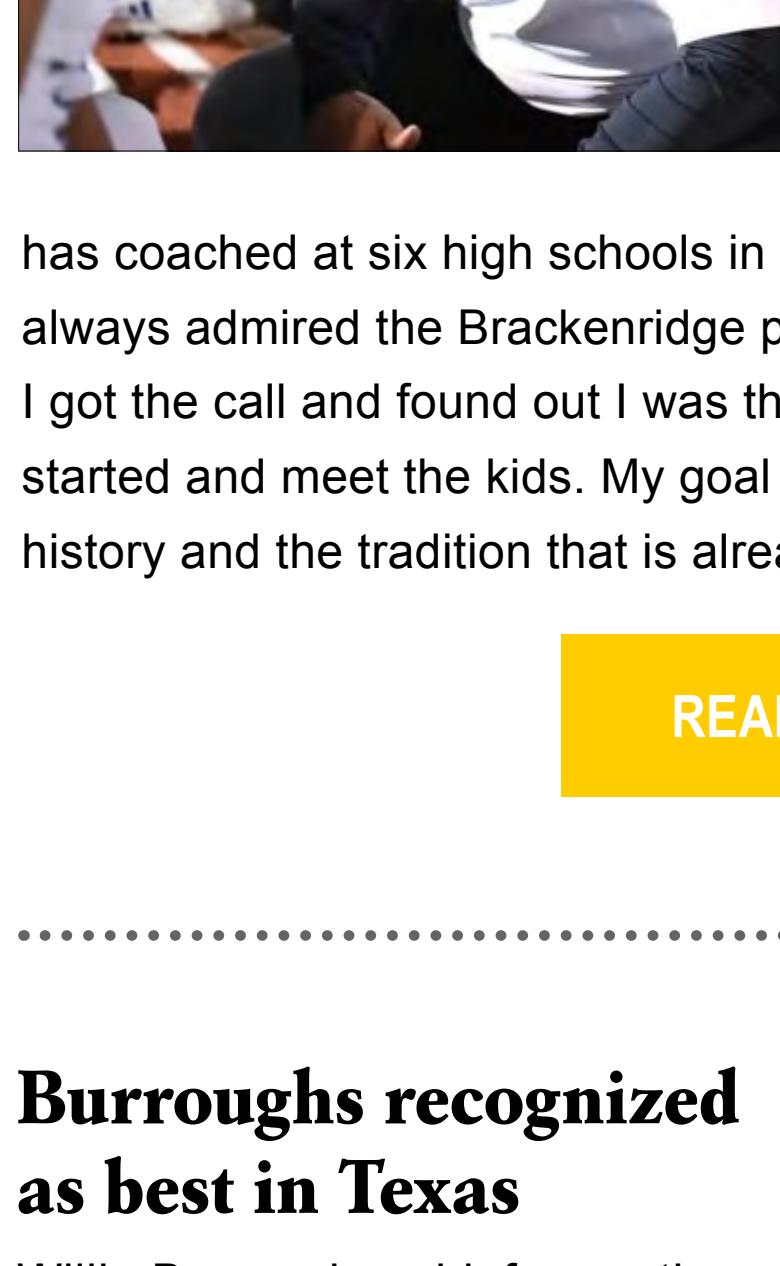


Essential staff go above and beyond

Last week's extreme winter weather was an unwelcome shock for our San Antonio ISD community. Many of our essential workers braved the cold, ice and snow to ensure SAISD campuses were safe and secure during the inclement weather.

"To quote Martin Luther King, Jr., 'The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy,'" said Willie Burroughs, SAISD chief operations officer. "It is with heartfelt gratitude that I say 'thank you' to the men and women who braved the conditions of last week's weather to ensure that our students received a nutritious meal and that damage to our facilities was minimized so we were able to resume classes. Your acts of selfless service is to be commended, and I am forever grateful."

Superintendent Martinez will be asking the Board next week to allow the District to compensate essential staff through time off because they reported to work during the school closure. We appreciate you and all that you do!



New football coach named at Brackenridge

Larry Norman comes to SAISD from Northside ISD

San Antonio ISD is excited to announce that Larry Norman has been named head football coach and boys coordinator at Brackenridge High School.

"I am excited," said Norman, who has coached at six high schools in Texas, Nevada and Arizona. "I have always admired the Brackenridge program from the outside looking in. I got the call and found out I was the man for the job. I can't wait to get started and meet the kids. My goal is to build on the foundation, the history and the tradition that is already there."

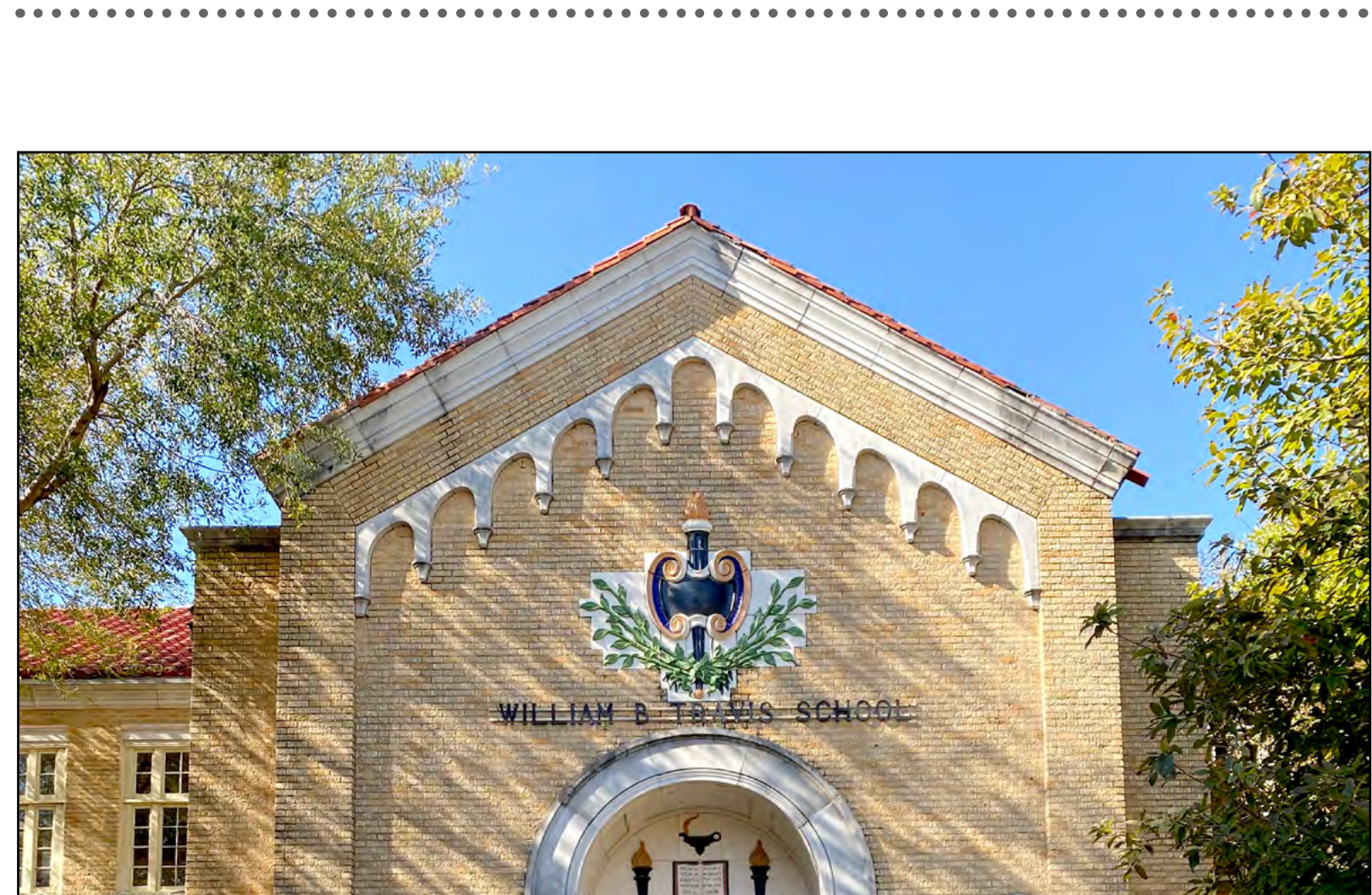
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Burroughs recognized as best in Texas

Willie Burroughs, chief operations officer at San Antonio ISD, has been selected by d-mars.com as one of the Top 50 Professionals and Entrepreneurs in Texas. The yearly recognition program highlights individuals who have made significant achievements in their industry and in the state of Texas. Burroughs, and the other awardees, were nominated and voted on by peers and community leaders.



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J.T. Brackenridge Elementary nearing completion under Bond 2016

J.T. Brackenridge Elementary School is on the last of the seven-phase process under Bond 2016. It's been a long process for principal Marco Morales and his teachers. But the building refresh and campus renovations have been welcomed with open arms to create a top-notch learning environment for the school's 550 students.

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Travis ECHS students testing out college experience with SAC Honors Academy

Travis Early College High School students are receiving a unique experience that no one else in the city is getting: to try out an honors college without the stress or hardship of final exams and college tuition. For the first time, partnering with San Antonio College, the Travis students are part of a cohort pilot called SAC Honors Academy that the college is hoping to broaden later this year. A total of seven Travis sophomores are taking part after meeting high eligibility requirements of at least an 85-grade point average and receiving recommendations from their counselors.

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Students show off their interests with IB Personal Projects

Earlier this month, 179 Jefferson High School International Baccalaureate sophomores presented their Personal Projects, a student-centered and age-appropriate practical exploration in which students consolidate their learning. This long-term project is designed as an independent learning experience of approximately 25 hours and formally assesses students' Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills for self-

management, research, communication, critical and creative thinking, and collaboration. The Personal Project is an annual requirement at every authorized IB school around the world for all sophomores.

"We were thoroughly impressed with the products that our students produced given the current worldly conditions," said Jennifer Love, International Baccalaureate MYP coordinator. "We look forward to supporting our fellow "IB sister" school, Burbank High School, as their exhibition will be next month upon our return from Spring Break."

SAISD FILL THE BUS STORM SUPPLY DRIVE

Friday 2/26 & Thursday 3/4
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Drop-off at SAISD main offices
141 Lavaca St.



ACCEPTING NONPERISHABLE FOOD & SUPPLY DONATIONS

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Help us fill a bus with supplies!

Last week, a devastating freeze paralyzed Texas and left millions without power or running water for days. While temperatures may have returned to normal, many families are still suffering and in need of assistance. SAISD is committed to helping our families recover from this storm by partnering with the SAISD Foundation. The foundation's goal is to raise \$100,000 to go directly to SAISD families who have been severely impacted by the storm and are in need of food, clothing and other necessities to get back on their feet. Two Fill the Bus events will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26 and Thursday, March 4 at SAISD Central Office, 141 Lavaca St.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Read Superintendent Martinez's most recent staff letter [here](#)

This week's closing shot

Community Labs provided COVID testing to SAISD students and staff at SAISD's high school campuses and Burnet Learning Center this past weekend. SAISD normally provides weekly testing at 94 SAISD campuses and central offices, but because of last week's winter storms, schools were closed and testing suspended. Thousands of SAISD staff and students took advantage of Saturday's testing. Because Community Labs uses highly sensitive PCR tests and returns results within 24 hours, COVID-19-negative students and staff could confidently return to school and work on Monday, knowing they were keeping themselves and others safe.