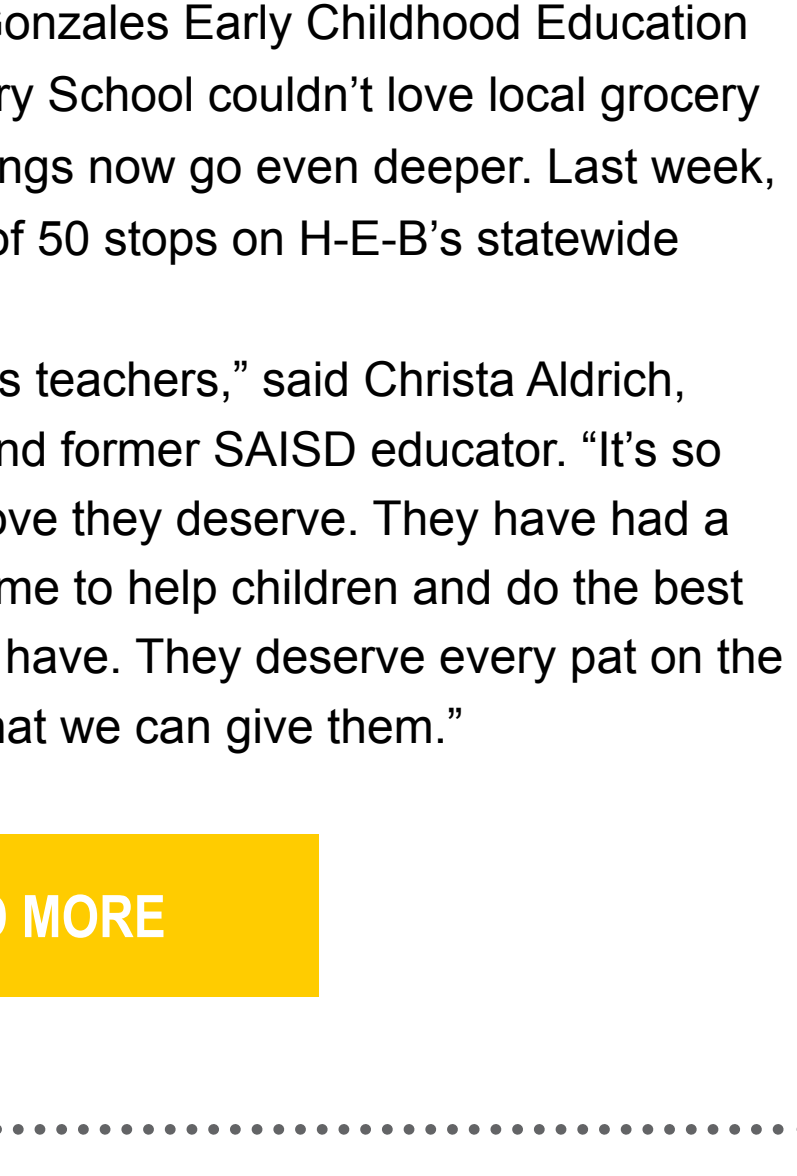
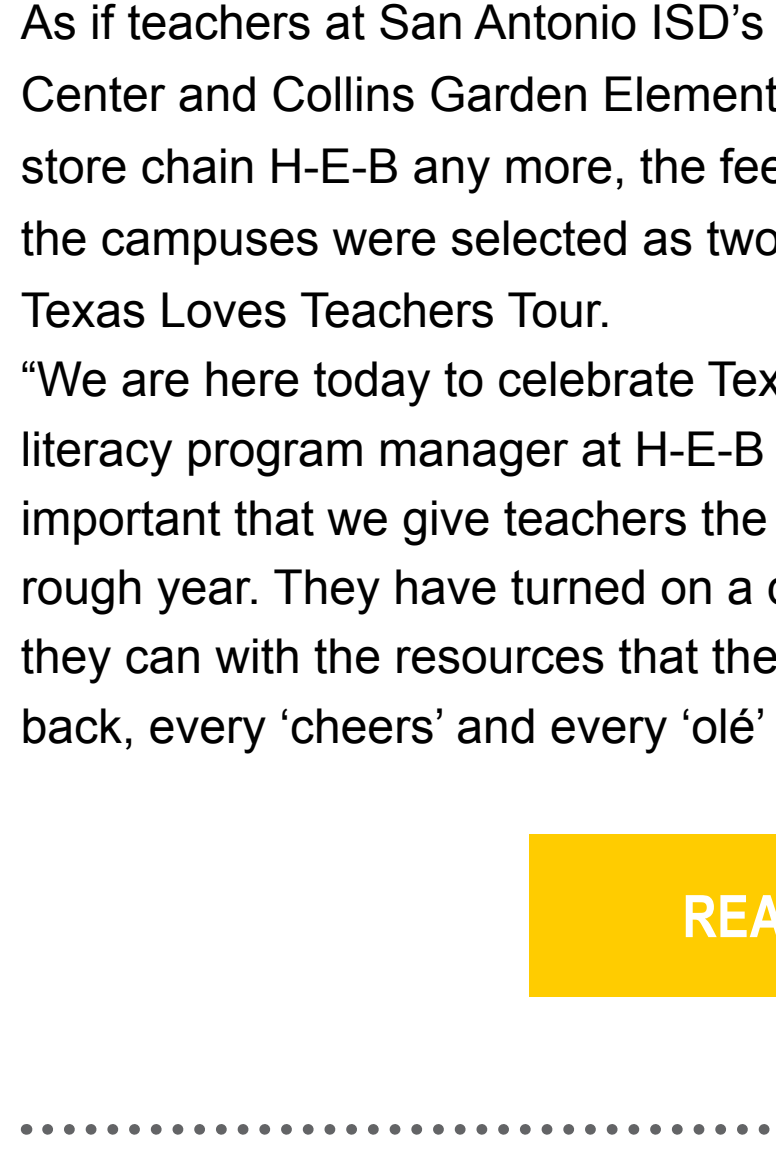


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## Texas Loves Teachers Tour visits San Antonio ISD campuses

As if teachers at San Antonio ISD's Gonzales Early Childhood Education Center and Collins Garden Elementary School couldn't love local grocery store chain H-E-B any more, the feelings now go even deeper. Last week, the campuses were selected as two of 50 stops on H-E-B's statewide Texas Loves Teachers Tour.

"We are here today to celebrate Texas teachers," said Christa Aldrich, literacy program manager at H-E-B and former SAISD educator. "It's so important that we give teachers the love they deserve. They have had a rough year. They have turned on a dime to help children and do the best they can with the resources that they have. They deserve every pat on the back, every 'cheers' and every 'olé' that we can give them."

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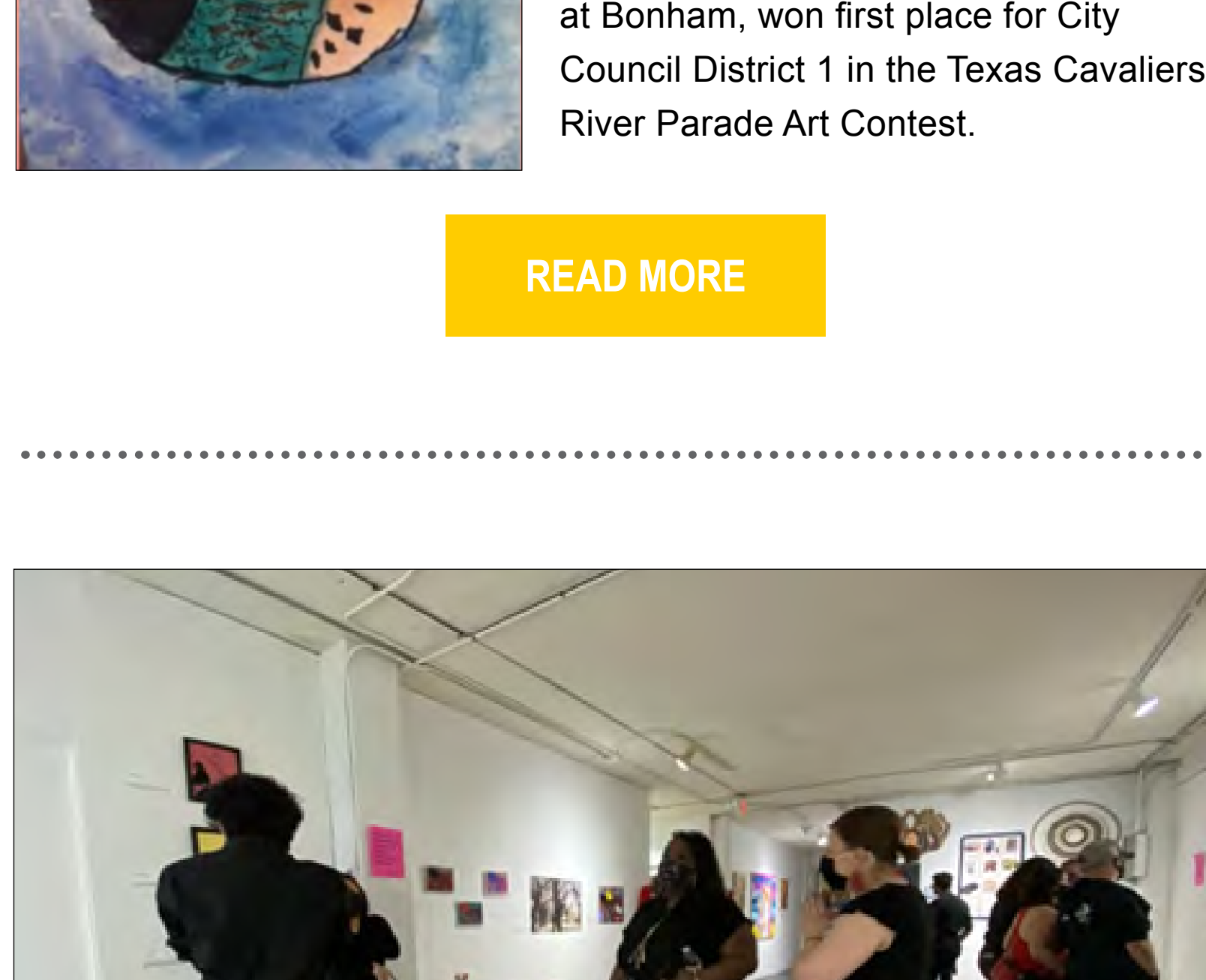
## Travis ECHS senior chosen as San Antonio College Distinguished Graduate

*This is the third year an SAISD student has received the honor*

Kathaleen De Hoyos, senior at Travis Early College High School, has been selected as the Distinguished Graduate in Liberal Arts at San Antonio College. Each year, the academic programs at SAC recognize one outstanding graduate from each program to honor during commencement.

"You have laid the foundation for a better life for you, your family, and even those whom you encounter," said San Antonio College President Robert Vela, in a letter to Kathaleen. "The entire San Antonio College community stands behind you in support as you continue on your path toward success."

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## New technology makes for safer rides

A dozen buses have joined San Antonio ISD's fleet that are designed with technology to keep students and drivers safer on the road. News reports are calling these new buses "school bus lifesavers" because of added technology that takes control of the bus and offers additional assistance to the driver in the event of danger.

"Think of newer model cars that offer similar features that improves how a vehicle handles in cases of bad weather," said SAISD Transportation Department Senior Executive Director Nathan Graf.

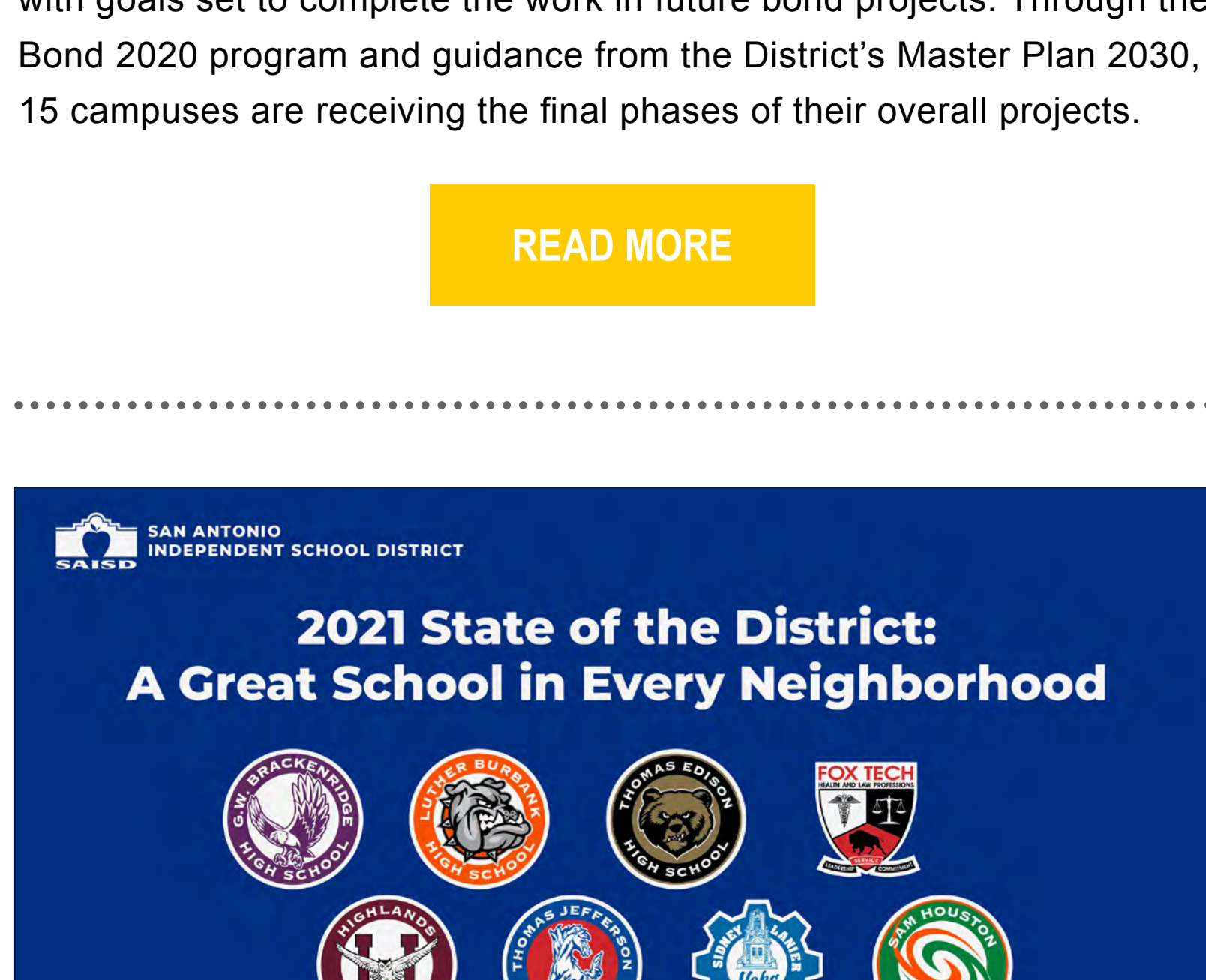
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## Student draws praise for winning Fiesta art entry

San Antonio's famed Fiesta celebration that happens during this time of year might be pushed back just a little, but a Bonham Academy student is already earning the praise of Fiesta organizers. Kingsley Hernandez, a second-grader at Bonham, won first place for City Council District 1 in the Texas Cavaliers' River Parade Art Contest.

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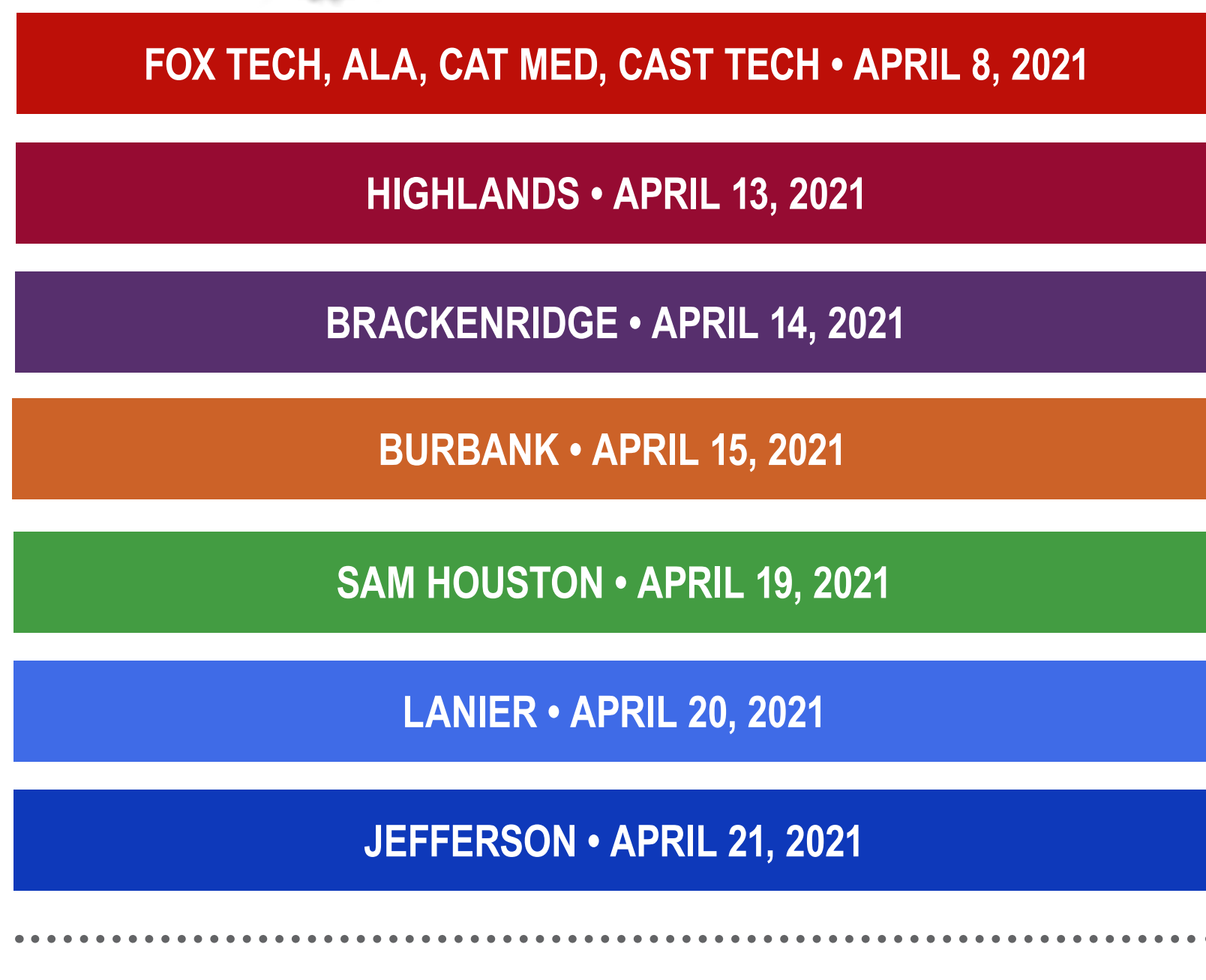


## IB students' art show years in the making

High school assignments usually last one semester at most. But for students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate art program at Jefferson High School, their work has gone far beyond that.

"They've worked so hard, and we have been developing that creative thought," said Amber Smith, art teacher at Jefferson. "They developed things that interest them, things that affect them, and look into artists for inspiration. But they draw their work from personal experience. I'm extremely proud."

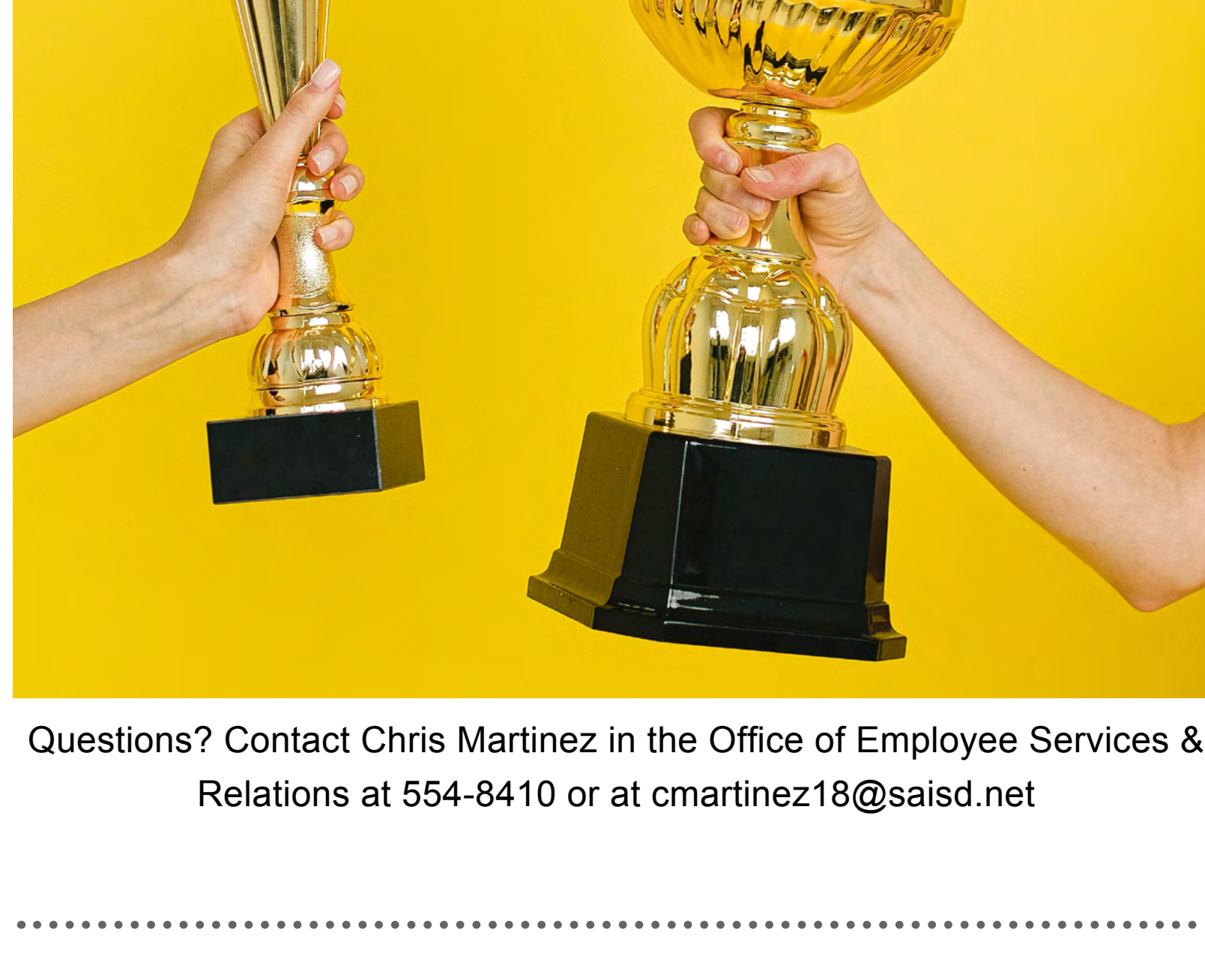
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## Bond 2020 will complete Longfellow Middle School renovations

Long-range planning sometimes includes scheduling major campus renovations over multiple bond initiatives. In past SAISD Bond programs, partial renovations were planned at some of the campuses, with goals set to complete the work in future bond projects. Through the Bond 2020 program and guidance from the District's Master Plan 2030, 15 campuses are receiving the final phases of their overall projects.

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## Join us for the 2021 State of the District Community Town Halls

*Events hosted by Superintendent Pedro Martinez, board members and campus principals*

The 2021 State of the District will be held at all seven comprehensive high schools and the Fox Tech Campus. Please join us as we share both District-wide and neighborhood highlights. We invite you and your friends and family to tour our new 21st-century high schools. Each event will be held in-person and virtually. For more information and to RSVP, click on a high school name below.



EDISON • APRIL 7, 2021

FOX TECH, ALA, CAT MED, CAST TECH • APRIL 8, 2021

HIGHLANDS • APRIL 13, 2021

BRACKENRIDGE • APRIL 14, 2021

BURBANK • APRIL 15, 2021

SAM HOUSTON • APRIL 19, 2021

LANIER • APRIL 20, 2021

JEFFERSON • APRIL 21, 2021

# Call for entries

Nominate a teacher or librarian for the **2020-2021 SAISD Teacher of the Year Award!** Nominations being accepted through Friday, April 9, 2021.

Principals, nominate one teacher from your campus who is still completing their first year of teaching for the **2020-2021 SAISD Rising Star Award!** Nominations being accepted through Friday, April 16.



Questions? Contact Chris Martinez in the Office of Employee Services & Relations at 554-8410 or at [cmartinez18@saisd.net](mailto:cmartinez18@saisd.net)



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

San Antonio Independent School District

## Sign up now for an SAISD Leadership Development Academy

The Office of Academics is pleased to announce the recruitment and selection activities for Cohort 2 of the SAISD Leadership Development Academies. Five academies (Teacher Leader, Mentor Fellows, Academics Leadership, Aspiring Assistant Principal and Aspiring Principal) will run through the end of July 2021 through May 2022. Applications being accepted now through April 30.

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