

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval for a South Houston HS student, teacher, and district administrator to travel to Washington, DC, on June 24-26, 2026, to attend the Congressional Institute's Art Awards Reception for a total of \$2,600.00

BACKGROUND: Students from all over Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia's 29th district competed in a visual arts contest which promotes and recognizes students from surrounding high schools. One winner is chosen from the many submissions of various artworks. Kimberly Flores was awarded first place and received flight vouchers to attend the national reception in Washington, D.C. Her artwork will also hang for an entire year in the Capitol Building for all visitors to see.

Student, teacher, and administrator will travel via airplane to Washington DC. All chaperones are trained in school district policy regarding responsibilities and duties prior to the trips. All rules of conduct established by the school district will be strictly enforced. A contingency plan for travel and health advisories will be followed if needed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The district's financial impact is approximately \$2,600.00. Fine Arts and South Houston HS budgets will be utilized to fund the trip. The estimated flight cost is \$1,200.00 and hotel is \$1,400.00.

All student travel guidelines and expectations will be followed according to Pasadena Independent School District policy.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend approval for a South Houston HS student, teacher, and district administrator to travel to Washington, DC, on June 24-26, 2026, to attend Congressional Institute's Art Awards Reception for a total of \$2,600.00

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BOARD MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026