

Special Called Meeting
Wednesday, December 3, 2025 6:00 PM

Staff Development Center Board Room at
Nellie Schunior Administration Building
200 W. Expwy 83
La Joya, TX 78560

Agenda

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - *(Other)*
2. **ROLL CALL & DECLARE QUORUM** - *(Other)*
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, *Julian Alvarez III, School Board President - (Other)*
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(Synergy and Teamwork or Other)*
5. **STUDENT RECOGNITION(S)** - *(Other)*
 - 5.1. Recognition of Ximena Lopez by the House of Representatives 89th Texas Legislature
 - 5.2. Recognition of La Joya High School, Juarez-Lincoln High School, and Palmview High School Marching Bands
 - 5.3. Recognition of La Joya High School Robotics Team Advances to UIL BEST Robotics State Meeting
 - 5.4. Recognition of La Joya High School Football Team Bi-District Playoffs
 - 5.5. Recognition of Palmview High School Boys Cross Country Regional and State Qualifiers
 - 5.6. Recognition of Palmview High School Girls Cross Country Team, District Champions, Regional Qualifiers, and 1 State Qualifier
 - 5.7. Recognition of Palmview High School Volleyball Team Bi-District Playoffs
 - 5.8. Recognition of Dr. Saenz Middle School 7th Grade Volleyball Team, Division 3 District Champions
 - 5.9. Recognition of Dr. Saenz Middle School 8th Grade Football Team, Division 3 District Champions
6. **CALENDAR** - *(Other)*
 - 6.1. December 2-12, 2025: STAAR Test Administration
 - 6.2. December 4, 2025: La Joya ISD Tree Lighting Ceremony at Nellie Schunior Central Administration - 6:00 p.m.
 - 6.3. December 10, 2025: Regular Board Meeting
7. **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS** - *(Other)*
8. **ADJOURNMENT** - *(Other)*



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: December 3, 2025

Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of Ximena Lopez by the House of Representatives 89th Texas Legislature

BACKGROUND:

The 89th Texas Legislature honored Miss Ximena Lopez in a Resolution for distinguishing herself as a talented writer, exceptional student, and accomplished athlete, as well as a valued and active member of her community.

RATIONALE:

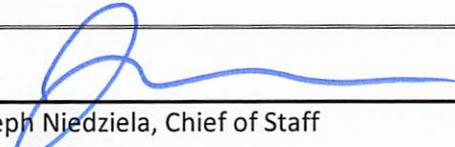
The administration proudly recognizes Ximena Lopez for her achievements honored by the 89th Texas Legislature.

BUDGET:

Cost N/A	Funding Source N/A	Vendor N/A
Purchasing Mechanism N/A		Additional Documentation N/A

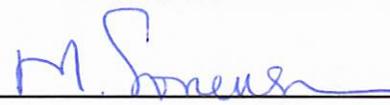
RECOMMENDATION:

Recognition of Ximena Lopez by the House of Representatives 89th Texas Legislature.

Initiated by: 
Joseph Niedziela, Chief of Staff

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**

Reviewed by: _____



Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

BF&AS
Reviewed by: _____

Executive
Cabinet
Review by: 
Joseph Niedziela, Chief of Staff



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: December 3, 2025

District Priority: Priority 3 - High Quality Instruction

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of La Joya High School, Juarez Lincoln High School, and Palmview High School Marching Bands

BACKGROUND:

The La Joya HS, Juarez Lincoln HS, and Palmview HS marching bands earned division one ratings from all judges at the 82nd Annual Pigskin Jubilee Marching Contest held at the La Joya ISD Pac Stadium on October 18, 2025. This achievement qualified all three of our High School Bands to advance to the 2025 Area G Marching Band Contest.

RATIONALE:

Student representatives from La Joya High School, Juarez Lincoln High School, and Palmview High School bands will be recognized for earning a division one rating from all judges at the 82nd Annual Pigskin Jubilee Marching Contest.

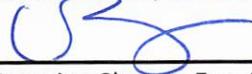
BUDGET:

<i>Cost</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Vendor</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Purchasing Mechanism</i>	<i>Additional Documentation</i>	
N/A	Student Representatives from each High School will be presented with a recognition plaque.	

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of recognition.

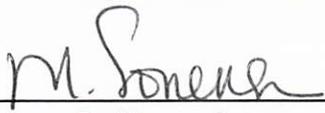
Initiated by: 
Ruben Adame, Fine Arts Director

Reviewed by: 
Veronica Chavez, Exe. Dir. For Academic Enrichment

BF&AS
Reviewed by: Click or tap here to enter text.

Executive Cabinet
Review by: 
Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics and School Leadership

**Approved for Submission
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Dr. Rosalva Hernandez, Member

Dr. Carlos Margo, Member

Jessica Ochoa, Member

December 3, 2025 – School Board Student Recognition Meeting

HS Band Student Representatives

La Joya HS Band:

Iramar Barbosa

Vanessa Chavez

Diego Cuadros

Brianna Flores

Marco Gandaria

Mariana Herrera

Ariana Ortiz

Alisson Sanchez

Antonio Silva

Giovanni Vera

Juarez Lincoln HS Band:

Derik Castro

Eric Fabela

Stephanie Garcia

Hennessy Gonzalez

Valeria Gonzalez

Mia Hernandez

Randy Hernandez

Julianna Lopez

Maria Morales

Eric Ortiz

Jan Rodriguez

Daniel Rosales

Milagro Saenz

Ivan Tijerina

Emily Urbina

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Palmview HS Band:

Madelyn Cardenas

Jeilyn Gonzalez

Valeria Gonzalez

Esmiguel Guerra

Gianelli Jimenez

Silvia Neri

Gisele Perez

Alexis Salazar

Lorie Sanchez

Julio Zamarripa

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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: La Joya High School Robotics Team Advances to UIL BEST Robotics State Meet

BACKGROUND:

La Joya High School Robotics teams qualified to compete at the UIL BEST Robotics State Championship in Dallas, Texas, on December 10–14, 2025, after earning advancement at the RGV HUB Competition held at UTRGV on November 7–8.

RATIONALE:

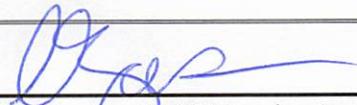
Students participated in multiple categories including Robot Competition, Engineering Notebook, Marketing Presentation, Team Exhibit and Interview, and Spirit and Sportsmanship at the RGV HUB Competition in order to advance.

BUDGET:

Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
\$N/A	199-36-6497-00-839-6-99-000	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism	Additional Documentation	
N/A	Student Representatives from the La Joya High School Robotics	

RECOMMENDATION:

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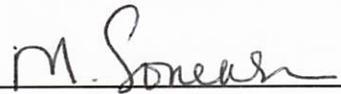
Initiated by: 
Abel Zamora Jr., UIL Academics Coordinator

Reviewed by: 
Veronica Chavez, Exe. Dir. For Academic Enrichment

BF&AS Reviewed by: Click or tap here to enter text.

Executive Cabinet Review by: 
Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics and School Leadership

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:


Dr. Marcey Sorensen
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**La Joya HS 2025
BEST ROBOTICS TEAM**

	NAME	ID	Grade	Responsibility
1	Alexis Pina	2024355	12	TEAM
2	Miqueas Garza	2022410	12	TEAM
3	Emilee Gomez	2022740	12	TEAM
4	Lesly Escobar	2021605	11	TEAM
5	Anthony Alvarez	2024337	12	TEAM
6	Camila Garza	2022389	12	TEAM
7	Cesar Rodriguez	2028421	12	TEAM
8	Jehu Ortega	2027333	12	TEAM
9	Leonardo Gonzalez	2022658	12	TEAM
10	Lesly Reyna	2036910	12	TEAM
11	Ismael Lucero	2022329	12	TEAM
12	Ezekiel Pena	2026554	12	TEAM



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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of La Joya High School Football Team Bi-District Playoffs

BACKGROUND:

Recognition of La Joya High School Football Team Bi-District Playoffs.

RATIONALE:

La Joya ISD recognizes La Joya High School Football team and Coaches for their outstanding performance during the 2025-2026 Football season.

BUDGET:

Cost
N/A

Funding Source
N/A

Vendor
N/A

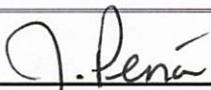
Purchasing Mechanism
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Additional Documentation
N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

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Initiated by:



Jose Peña, Executive Director of Athletics

Reviewed by:



Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership

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**Executive
Cabinet**

Review by:



Joseph Niedziela, Chief of Staff

2025 LA JOYA COYOTE VARSITY ROSTER

NO.		POS	GR
1	Dante Perez	WR	11
2	Mauricio Mendoza	RB	12
3	Stuart Benoit	WR	9
4	Fabian Arjona	RB	9
5	Owen Benoit	QB	11
6	Stevan Ramirez	LB	12
7	Franco Salazar	DB	12
8	Manny Nunez	QB	9
9	Leo Maldonado	DB	11
10	Ezekiel Hernandez	DB	12
11	Luis Arjona	WR	10
12	Eduardo Haros	DB	10
13	Ismael Lucero	WR	12
14	Alex Garza	SR	12
15	Armando Ochoa	QB	12
16	Jayden Del Leon	WR	10
17	Jared Ozuna	K/P	12
18	Angel Guevara	DB	10
19	Jorge Vela	DB	10
20	Alex Bocanegra	DB	11
21	Adrian Mercado	DB	11
22	Ramiro Olivarez	RB	12
23	Javier Vargas	DB	11
24	Aiden Cedillo	LB	10
25	Gary Montelongo	LB/TE	10
27	Dominic Serna	DB	12
28	Ricardo Ramirez "RJ"	DB	10
30	Damian Garza	TE	9
31	Andrew Ramirez	DL	11
32	Ismael "Niko" Garza	LB	12
35	Jaden Martinez	LB	10
38	Rene Perez	DL	11

NO.		POS	GR
40	Saul Marin	LB	12
42	Max Rivas	DL	11
45	Pedro Mata	DL	12
48	Hector Padilla	DL	10
50	Anthony Dominguez	OL	11
52	JC Davila	OL	10
53	Jaiden Manriquez	OL	10
55	Johnathon Gonzalez	DL	12
56	Issac Segura	DL	10
57	Raul Hernandez	DL	10
58	Nery Moreno	DL	12
59	Zadkiel Soliz	OL	10
60	Guadalupe Salgado	OL	12
62	Adrian Chapa	DL	12
64	Adrian Andrade	DL	12
65	Paramet Sansuk	OL	12
66	Fernado Martinez	OL	11
67	David Ramos	OL	9
70	Achilles Esquivel	OL	11
72	Abraham Sepulveda	OL	11
75	Cesar Alaniz	OL	12
77	Tony Ramirez	OL	12
80	Derick Vera	TE	12
81	Juan Guajardo	TE	11
82	Rudy Silva	K/P	11
84	Jose L Cantu	WR	12
87	Salvador Villagran	WR	9
88	Alvaro Torres	TE	11
92	Fabian Ochoa	DL	10
94	Chris Perez	DL	12
99	Nelio Leal	DL	11

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT : DR. MARCEY SORENSEN

EXECTIVE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: JOSE PENA

PRINCIPAL : EDUARDO FLORES

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: ROY FLORES

VARSITY STAFF

HEAD COACH/ATHLETIC COORDINATOR - REUBEN FARIAS

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR - JUAN L. GONZALEZ

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR - VAL BENOIT

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINAROR-ANTHONY LUNA

RB'S - ANDRES GONZALEZ

LINEBACKERS - AARON GARZA, EUGENIO MILLA

OFFENSIVE LINE - JAVIER TAMEZ, STEVEN HERNANDEZ

DEFENSIVE LINE - JULIO DUENAS, PABLO MARTINEZ

WR'S - PEDRO MARQUE, PEDRO GUAJARDO III

SECONDARY- JESUS MALDONADO, JOSE VIDAL

TE'S - JUAN GUAJARDO

ATHLETIC TRAINER & STUDENT TRAINERS

QB'S- JULIO GARCIA

MARIA O. THOMPSON

CAMILA GARZA

MADALYN GONZALEZ

VALERIE CHAPA

DESIREE GARZA

YULIANA CARBAJAL

RAQUEL QUIROZ

DAKOTA COVARRAUBIAZ

DESTINY RAMIREZ

HANNA SABINA



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of Palmview High School Boys Cross Country Regional and State Qualifier

BACKGROUND:

Recognition of Palmview High School Boys Cross Country Regional and State Qualifier.

RATIONALE:

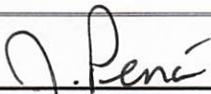
La Joya ISD recognizes Palmview High School Boys Cross Country athlete and Coaches for their outstanding performance during the 2025-2026 Cross Country season.

BUDGET:

<i>Cost</i> N/A	<i>Funding Source</i> N/A	<i>Vendor</i> N/A
<i>Purchasing Mechanism</i> N/A	<i>Additional Documentation</i> N/A	

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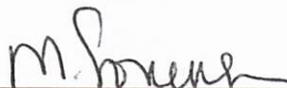
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Reviewed by: 
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Executive Cabinet Review by: 
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**Palmview High School
Boys Cross Country Team**

Azael Davila Regional/ State Qualifier
Romeo Martinez RQ

Head Coach Antonio Arrellano



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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of the Palmview High School Girls Cross Country Team District Champions Regional Qualifiers and 1 State Qualifier

BACKGROUND:

Recognition of the Palmview High School Girls Cross Country Team District Champions Regional Qualifiers and 1 State Qualifier.

RATIONALE:

La Joya ISD recognizes the Palmview High School Girls Cross Country team members and their Coaches for their outstanding performance during the 2025-2026 Cross Country season.

BUDGET:

Cost
N/A

Funding Source
N/A

Vendor
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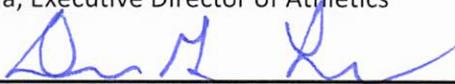
Purchasing Mechanism
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Additional Documentation
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Palmview High School
Lady Lobos Cross Country Team

Dolores Ramirez (regional/ state qualifier- 18th at state)

Adamaris Chico (RQ)
Corina Robles (RQ)
Maddalynn Farias (RQ)
Odette Balanderos RQ
Liyah Loya RQ
Yariz Ibarra RQ

Head Coach: Claudia Bazan



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: December 3, 2025

Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of the Palmview High School Volleyball Team Bi-District Playoffs

BACKGROUND:

Recognition of the Palmview High School Volleyball Team Bi-District Playoffs.

RATIONALE:

La Joya ISD recognizes the Palmview High School Volleyball team members and their Coaches for their outstanding performance during the 2025-2026 Volleyball season.

BUDGET:

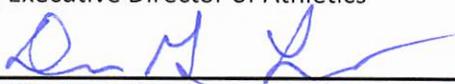
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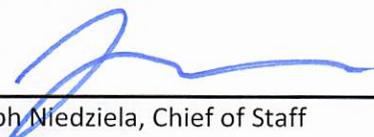
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**Palmview High School
Lady Lobos Volleyball Team**

GOMEZ, EMMA

AREVALO, JESSICA

GAUNA, ISABELLA

GAUNA, VALERIA

ROSALES, JAYLEN

TREVINO, KAHLIA

HINOSTROSA, CAMILA

ZIESKE, MILEY

CANTU, KYLIE

TREVINO, AYLEEN

Head Coach: Margo Iglesias-Cantu



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

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Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of the Dr. Saenz Middle School 7th Grade Volleyball Team Division 3 District Champions

BACKGROUND:

Recognition of the Dr. Saenz Middle School 7th Grade Volleyball Team Division 3 District Champions.

RATIONALE:

La Joya ISD recognizes the Dr. Saenz Middle School Volleyball team members and their Coaches for their outstanding performance during the 2025-2026 Volleyball season.

BUDGET:

Cost
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Funding Source
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Vendor
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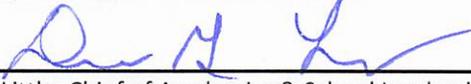
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Additional Documentation
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7th grade B TEAM		
	STUDENT NAME:	ID#
1.	Jackelyn Alvarez	2052388
2.	Anabel Armendariz	2058480
2.	Darianna Carbajal	2051647
3.	Izabella Cuellar	2051931
4.	Sofia Garza	2058656
5.	Valentina Lucio	2051724
6.	Janelly Mendez	2039993
7.	Heidy Montanez	2052077
8.	Maddison Negrete	2040988
9.	Aliah Ruiz	2051897
10.	Ximena Veliz	2039036
11.	Alexia Vallarta	2039817
12.	Sujey Zuniga	2051921

Coach Armando Guerra

Coach/Coordinator Cynthia Garza



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Item Title: Recognition of the Dr. Saenz Middle School 8th grade Football Team Division 3 District Champions

BACKGROUND:

Recognition of the Dr. Saenz Middle School 8th Grade Football Team Division 3 District Champions.

RATIONALE:

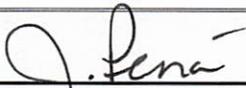
La Joya ISD recognizes the Dr. Saenz Middle School Football team members and their Coaches for their outstanding performance during the 2025-2026 Football season.

BUDGET:

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<i>Purchasing Mechanism</i> N/A	<i>Additional Documentation</i> N/A	

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Dr. Saenz MS 8th Grade A Football Div 3 District Champs

Student Name	Grade
Armendariz, Diego	8
Alonzo, Gael	8
Castillo, Javier	8
Cruz, Ivan	8
Flores, Roy	8
Garcia, Gael	8
Guerra, Luis	8
Herrera, Angel	8
Herrera, Daniel	8
Herrera, Edgar	8
Juarez, Angel	8
Juarez, Luis	8
Lopez, Axel	8
Lopez, Michael	8
Palomares, Tadeo	8
Pena, Jesus	8
Rivera, Jose	8
Rosas, Miguel	8
Sanchez, Ernesto	8
Smith, Jonathan	8
Torres, Santiago	8

Coaches

Garcia, Eleazar (AC)
Flores, Arnulfo
Ramos, Juan