Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Conference Presentation **Board of Education Meeting:** 06/16/26

Item Title: Claudia Cortez – Porter ECHS Teacher
2026 H-E-B Excellence in Education
Leadership Secondary Award Winner

	Action
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BACKGROUND:

Claudia Cortez, CTE Engineering Teacher at Porter Early College High School, was named the 2026 H-E-B Excellence in Education Leadership Secondary Award Winner. She was awarded a $10,000 check and a $10,000 grant for Porter ECHS. With 16 years of experience in CTE and engineering education, Ms. Cortez inspires students through real-world STEM experiences and a strong commitment to building the next generation of innovators.

Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.

Dr. Alda T. Benavides, Interim Superintendent

Approved by: Interim Superintendent

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.