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FREER, SAN DIEGO ISD's AWARDED \$400,000 FROM GRANT GUILLEN HELPED CREATE

Freer and San Diego ISDs win Jobs and Education for Texans Grant

AUSTIN - Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) would like to congratulate both Freer ISD and San Diego ISD for each being awarded the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant. The grant helps the school districts provide training for students who plan to go into high-demand occupations.

"I'm very happy that two of our great school districts have been awarded this grant," said Guillen. "We need to prepare our kids to enter the workforce and this grant does a great job giving schools the resources they need to do that."

JET is a grant program that provides funding to community colleges and school districts so they can purchase materials for career and technical education programs. Most grant awards fall in the range of \$50,000 to \$350,000 and can be used for a wide variety of career prep materials. Both Freer ISD and San Diego ISD plan to use the grant funds to purchase materials for training programs that will help 76 students prepare for careers in the nursing field.

Until 2015 this program was not available to independent school districts but H.B. 3062, which Guillen helped pass, allowed school districts to apply if they partnered with a local community or technical college. Since 2016 about 40% of funds awarded go to community or technical colleges while the remaining 60% go to school districts.

"I'm proud to support this grant and the efforts of all our schools in setting our kids up for success in the workforce," Guillen added.

Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at ryanguillen.com, facebook.com/representative.guillen, and twitter.com/ryanguillen

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