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TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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**GUILLEN SECURES FUNDS FOR  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

**AUSTIN** – Enacting the requirements of a bill co-authored by State Representative Ryan Guillen (D - District 31) in the 84th Legislature, \$1.5 million in funds for the High-Quality Prekindergarten Grant Program were awarded across District 31 by the Texas Education Agency last week.

**"The education of South Texas students has always been one of my top priorities," said Guillen. "I'm very pleased to see that these funds will be coming to South Texas to create these educational programs to help prepare children for their educational endeavors."**

The program was created in 2015 in the 84th Texas Legislature and provides funding to public school districts looking to expand high quality prekindergarten programs. Over \$116 million in grants were awarded to 578 school systems across Texas, including at least 18 school districts within District 31.

All school districts receiving grant funding needed to meet enhanced quality standards in curriculum, teacher qualifications, academic performance, and family engagement. The funding will be available for use by the school districts through the course of the 2016-2017 school year.

**"I look forward to seeing the school districts develop and implement these programs for our youngest Texans," said Guillen. "This funding is the first step in providing our schools with the resources they need to help our students be successful both in school and later in life."**

Within District 31, the following school districts were awarded funds: Benavides ISD, Cotulla ISD, Dilley ISD, Freer ISD, Karnes City ISD, Kenedy ISD, Lasara ISD, Lyford ISD, Lytle ISD, Mathis ISD, Pleasanton ISD, Poteet ISD, Premont ISD, Raymondville ISD, RGC CISD, Roma ISD, San Diego ISD, and Somerset ISD.

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