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GUILLEN ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Local Schools, Coastal Bend College Funded for Future Medical Professionals

AUSTIN – On **Wednesday, May 3**, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) released a list of public community and technical colleges and independent school districts to be funded through the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant program. State Representative Ryan Guillen (D-Rural South Texas) is pleased to announce the schools in and around his district set to receive funding.

"It's critical that we help students get jobs once they graduate," said Guillen. "This program does a phenomenal job at helping school districts provide their students with the resources necessary for them to pursue medical careers."

Rep. Guillen has worked with local school districts and community colleges to provide information on grant funding and application processes. The four rural South Texas programs that received funding are as follows:

- San Diego ISD received \$50,346 to help purchase and install equipment to provide 100 students in the medical profession with training as registered nurses.
- Freer ISD received \$58,425 to help purchase and install equipment to provide 76 students in the medical field with training as registered nurses.
- Coastal Bend College received \$296,537 to help purchase and install equipment to provide 135 students in the medical profession with training as licensed practical and vocational nurses.
- Alice ISD received \$337,912 to help purchase and install equipment to provide 76 students in the medical profession with training as medical and clinical technicians.

"I am happy to help our local schools benefit from the JET grant program," said Guillen. "This project will provide much needed relief to the region, as well as enhance local educational opportunities for the future. I will continue to do everything in my power to help ensure a successful future for the students of South Texas."

Representative Ryan Guillen serves ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, including Atascosa, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Starr, and Willacy.

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