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The Spotlight on Education Series—Episode 4—San Benito Schools Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) Program is the feature video submitted for the NSPRA Award for 2024-2025. Luis D. Gonzales, Jr., San Benito Schools Director of Communications and Public Relations, hosts the program. The guest speakers included Senior Naval Instructor Ruben Esquivel and Alan Larralde, Cadet Petty Officer and NJROTC student member. In this inspiring episode, we proudly welcome Mr. Ruben Esquivel as the district leader of the NJROTC Program at San Benito Schools. A proud alumnus of San Benito Schools, Esquivel returned to his roots after an impressive 26-year career with the U.S. Marines. During our engaging interview, he enthusiastically shared his remarkable accomplishments and heartfelt commitment to enriching the San Benito community, dedicating his efforts to support and empower students through this excellent program. Joining Mr. Esquivel is Alan Larralde, a Petty Officer and 11th-grade student from San Benito High School, who is also a member of the NJROTC program. Alan shares his experiences as a student in this program, highlighting the benefits of being part of NJROTC and the goals set for his fellow cadets. He also discusses the positive opportunities of being an active cadet in the NJROTC program. At San Benito

Schools, we are wholeheartedly committed to empowering our students as they embark on their journey toward post-secondary education and career development. Aligned with the Texas Education Agency's guidelines, we ensure every student receives comprehensive preparation for College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR), paving the way for vibrant and successful futures in their chosen paths. Episode 4 of Spotlight on Education proudly showcases the San Benito Schools Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) Program. This remarkable initiative exemplifies the power of our video series in promoting the district's educational goals. It offers essential insights to students, parents, families, and the community regarding the diverse College, Career, and Military Readiness opportunities available at San Benito Schools.