



## **Press Release**

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## Galena Park ISD Recognized All Students as Superstars

**Houston, Texas:** Houston, TX: Galena Park ISD recognized the Student Support Services and the Special Programs Offices for hosting the first-ever Super Star Buddy Relays.

The Super Star Buddy Relays, an athletic meet for GPISD's special-needs students, included athletes paired with a non-disabled, high school "buddy" who assisted in adapted physical challenges. Nearly 450 athletic pairs competed in challenges and supported one another during a fun-filled event. Students, teachers, and volunteers came together to host a unique event showcasing good sportsmanship and teamwork. Galena Park ISD proudly hosts inclusionary programs and experiences for all students!

A certificate was presented to the Offices of Student Support Services and Special Programs on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools.



Pictured: Pictured: Norma Hernandez, GPISD Board Trustee; Eric Kirchner, Program Director for Special Education; Dr. Mechelle Epps, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services; Tammy Takeda, Director for Special Education Programs; Jennifer Boudreau, Life Skills Specialist; Stephani Garza, Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Specialist; and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools

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