



Monday, April 11, 2011

A member of the Brownsville ISD Board of Trustees has been elected to a coveted position on a respected national education panel. Dr. Christina L. Saavedra, BISD Board Assistant Secretary, has been made a member of the Steering Committee of the Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE). Established in 1967, CUBE is the only national membership organization governed solely by urban school board members dedicated to the needs and interests of urban school boards.

Dr. Saavedra's election came during the 71st Annual National School Boards Association Conference held in San Francisco, California on April 9–11, 2011. The entire CUBE membership voted on her nomination. CUBE is governed by a Steering Committee composed of 15 urban school board members from across the United States who meet quarterly. Saavedra was first elected to the BISD Board in 2010.

CUBE represents over 110 urban school districts in 35 states and the Virgin Islands. Member districts educate nearly 8 million students in over 12,000 schools with a collective budget of approximately \$99 billion. For more than 40 years, CUBE has been at the forefront of helping urban school districts strive for excellence. CUBE helps urban school leaders find solutions to challenges at the local level and seeks to improve their policy making effectiveness.

In 2008, the BISD Board of Trustees won the prestigious CUBE Annual Award for Urban School Board Excellence and the district won the Broad Prize for Urban Education. In July 2010, the Texas Education Agency designated Brownsville as a State Recognized School District for meeting absolute standard criteria. All 52 BISD schools, 100% of all district campuses, were rated Exemplary or Recognized in the state's 2010 accountability system.