



TASB BOARD CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DATE: 6/29/22 _____

NAME: Janie Lopez _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____ RESIDENCE PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ FAX NUMBER (if applicable): _____

We communicate with our Board members primarily via e-mail. Please list your preferred email address.

E-MAIL: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT: San Benito CISD

LOCAL TERM EXPIRES: 05/23 YEARS ON BOARD: 2
(Month/year)

Upon expiration of current term on your local board, will you seek reelection?

YES NO

BOARD POSITIONS HELD (including dates): SBCISD Board of Trustees Vice President, Finance Committee Chairwoman, Administrative Committee Chairwoman

OCCUPATION: Mental Health Provider _____

CURRENT EMPLOYER: Self Employed as a Licensed Professional Counselor DATES: ____ 2016-Curent

EDUCATION-HIGH SCHOOL: San Benito High School _____

COLLEGE: Texas Southmost, UT-Brownsville, UTRGV, Liberty University

OTHER EDUCATION: Principal/Teacher TEA Certification

DEGREES: Associates, Bachelor's, and Master's in Business Administration, Master's in Education Guidance and Counseling, Pursuing Doctorate in Community Care and Counseling/Marriage and Family

HOBBIES/SPECIAL INTERESTS: Traveling and spending time with family, nieces, nephews, etc.

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC GROUP MEMBERS (offices held including dates): Memberships in: Texas Counseling Association (2008-2018), TX School Counselor Association (20010-2018), Community Crisis Response Team (2010-Current), TX Crisis Resiliency Team (2008-Current), South Texas Systems of Care, Cameron County Mental Health Task Force (2010-Current), Texas Association Multicultural Counseling (2010-2016), American Association Of Christian Counselors (2015-Current), Lions Club (2021-Current) _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____



Janie Lopez Bio

Janie Lopez's parents migrated from Mexico as legal citizens in a quest for a better life in the United States of America. Janie grew up as a middle child of seven siblings. Her parents worked hard to instill in her the importance of hard work and education in achieving the American dream. She graduated from San Benito High School in 1997 and became the first in her family to attend and graduate from college with honorary awards.

Janie has worked in everything from food service, manufacturing, and retail to building a successful career as a mental healthcare professional treating at-risk children, veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD.

As a counselor for our local school districts, Janie has managed millions of dollars in budgets for school counseling programs under her leadership as a Director in the San Benito CISD. Student achievement increased and disciplinary referrals were reduced by 60% in elementary schools. She served as a GEAR UP counselor in Brownsville CISD's lowest performing campus and helped transform it into a high performing school rated #1 for Science and #2 for History with state exams in the district.

As a San Benito school board trustee, Janie works to ensure financial accountability in all aspects of the ISD's budget and projects. In addition to fiscal responsibility for student activities, academics, and day-to-day expenditures of departments and campuses, Janie was pivotal in getting an increased police force in our schools to secure our classrooms. She also improved infrastructure, oversaw the completion of critical new sports facilities, ensured educator and staff pay raises, and provided checks and balances for incoming local, state, and federal funds. Guided by her values, work ethics, and love for children, we can count on Janie to represent the families in OUR REGION!