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## Senator César J. Blanco Announces Jobs and Education for Texas Grant to Fabens Independent School District

El Paso, Texas – Today, Senator César J. Blanco announced the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has presented a Jobs and Education for Texas (JET) Grants to Fabens Independent School District (ISD), in partnership with El Paso Community College. Totaling \$344,0222, this grant for the JET program will help train 126 students in the high-demand occupation of Registered Nurses.

The Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) program provides grants to eligible entities to purchase and install equipment necessary for the development of career and technical education (CTE) courses or programs that lead to a license, certificate, or post-secondary degree in a high-demand occupation.

## **Senator Blanco issued the following statement:**

"This grant is a powerful investment in our students' futures and a critical step toward addressing the nursing shortage in our community. By equipping Fabens ISD students with the skills needed to enter the healthcare workforce, we are not only creating pathways to high-skilled careers but also strengthening the delivery of healthcare in our region.

"I'm proud to have supported the inclusion of JET grants in the state budget, ensuring that our community benefits from this essential investment. Thank you to TWC for this vital contribution and for creating valuable opportunities for our community!"

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