DPS 2023 San Antonio Land Acknowledgement

- We acknowledge the San Antonio River as Yanaguana, (Spirit Waters in Pajalate) as the source of life for this city and commit to protecting her, all her tributaries and connected waters.
- We acknowledge this place now known as San Antonio, Texas as the ancestral homeland to the many Native American peoples, identified as Coahuiltecan by Spanish records, and include the Acana, Badoz, Barocame Borrados, Carrizo Comecrudo, Chiaquan, Coaxa, Cucusa, Giancapo, Guacapa, Haucacaya, Hiaquan, Jumanos, Karankawa, Manos Prietos, Nepacha, Pampopa, Paquachi, Patagu, Payaya, Sulajame, Tacadame, Taquo, Tobasa, Tobasco, Tripas Blancas, the Xarame, Ypande, and many more.
- We acknowledge the area now known as Bexar County as being inhabited consistently for over 14,000 years by Native American people who left their marks as stories on rocks as rock art (petroglyphs) for remembrance and as codes for storytelling and timekeeping.
- We acknowledge this homeland that would later include Comanches, and Lipan Apache who were hunter / gathers, and primarily lived off of bison, and antelope hunting, also cultivated corn (elote), beans, spinach, prairie turnips and potatoes in the 1700's. Today, the Lipan Apache continue to live in Texas, and sustain their traditional languages and customs.
- We acknowledge that despite the repeated attempts at genocide that has historically victimized peoples of Native American heritage, they now number over 30,000 in San Antonio, Texas, and continue to contribute to the development of this community in all its industries, the arts, civil and military service, and individual communities of purpose.
- We acknowledge that within this institution, people of Native American heritage study, teach and serve within its classrooms, offices, and grounds.
- We acknowledge the resiliency, tenacity, and ability of Native American peoples to survive, heal and thrive despite the systemic oppression they have faced and commit to supporting Native Americans’ efforts to overcome this adversity and celebrate their success.

A guide to the pronunciation of some of the indigenous names can be found here. [1]

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