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Senator César Blanco Hosts Wraps Up his 9th Annual Back-to-**School Backpack Giveaway Series**

El Paso, Texas - Yesterday, Senator César J. Blanco wrapped up his 9th Annual Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway Series at Apache Elementary School in Fort Stockton, TX. This year, Senator Blanco raised nearly \$24,000 to provide backpacks for students in El Paso and Far West Texas. This year's giveaways took place at North Loop Elementary School (Ysleta ISD), Robert R. Rojas Elementary School (Socorro ISD), Paul Moreno Elementary School (El Paso ISD), and Apache Elementary School (Fort Stockton ISD). In total, 2,326 free backpacks were given to students in Senate District 29.

"Many families across Far West Texas are trying to figure out how to pay bills and put food on the table. The last thing they should worry about is stretching their wallets thin to buy their kids a backpack," said Senator César J. Blanco. "These free backpacks will not only make things a little easier for families but give our kids the tools they need for a successful school year."

Each year, different schools are selected for assistance based on Texas Education Agency's Economically Disadvantaged Status Reports.

Senator Blanco also added, "Thank you to our sponsors and partners, GECU, Walmart, Marathon Petroleum, Pepsi Co., The Borderplex Alliance, El Paso Electric, Charter Communications, The El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Schneider Electric, AT&T, Texas Gas Service, and Raise your Hand Texas. Together we are making an investment in the lives of so many young learners' future success!"

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