



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

42 youngsters graduate from early-education program

Forty-two future scholars wearing green caps and gowns marched one after another across the stage at the Baytown Civic Center during the 2010 Building Bridges graduation.

Building Bridges is a component of the Goose Creek CISD Migrant Program.

The home-based program addresses the needs of 3 and 4 year old migrant children, who are not yet in school, Head Start, or educational childcare.

This program partners with the parents in order to help with the social and cognitive development of the child.

Goose Creek CISD Superintendent Dr. Toby York and Board of Trustees member Jenice Coffey were on hand for the graduation ceremony to give out diplomas, certificates, gift bags, pats on the back, and hugs when needed.

"Estoy orgulloso de ustedes. I am proud of all of you," Dr. York told the little graduates.

Norma Picacio-Jones, director of bilingual/ESL education for Goose Creek CISD, was the guest speaker.



"Today marks the ending of one year of learning, but the beginning of much more learning and many more celebrations to come," said Picacio-Jones.

"Today is one more step toward your children's college and career education. Yes, I said college and career because when your child enters a Goose Creek CISD school, they enter learning that will prepare them to be successful for the rest of their lives. Parents, we give you thanks for sending us your children at such a young age. By doing that you show the commitment of love and hope you have for your children's future."

The Building Bridges graduation recognizes the culmination of a whole year of study for migrant children.

The children and their parents are recognized for sticking with the program and have followed the study process of the Building Bridges curriculum.

The graduation ceremony is in part a celebration of their first accomplishment while at the same time establishes a foundation.

Thus, establishing a series of steps needed to adhere to, in order to graduate from high school and eventually college.

According to Enid Lindsey, Goose Creek CISD Migrant Program coordinator, the school district is making every effort to help our younger children and their families establish sound and strong foundations so that they can remain in school and be equipped to face the challenges that undoubtedly will affect their educational opportunities.

For more information about the Building Bridges Program or the Migrant Program in general, call Enid Lindsey at 281-420-4421 or check out the program's website [here](#).

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