AREA 1 REPRESENTATIVE TWO YEAR TERM



MARIO MONJARAS

Food Service Director

Beeville ISD

With over 12 years of experience in the Child Nutrition industry, including 8 years in management and 6 years in child nutrition programs, I have built a career focused on enhancing the quality and efficiency of school nutrition services. I started my journey in child nutrition as a cook helper in 2012, where I quickly advanced through several roles, demonstrating my dedication and expertise in food service. In 2014, I was honored to be grandfathered in as the Child Nutrition Director at Pettus ISD, and I've continued to expand my impact in Beeville ISD, where I currently lead as the Food Service Director.

Throughout my career, I have spearheaded several innovative initiatives to promote healthy eating and nutrition education among students. In Beeville ISD, I led the successful establishment of school gardens, providing students with hands-on learning opportunities in growing fresh produce and connecting them with the food they eat. I've also introduced grab-and-go meal lines, a strategic move to make nutritious meals more accessible and convenient, especially during busy school days.

My extensive experience managing federally funded programs like the National School Lunch Program, procedures like Smart Snacks, and local wellness policies ensures that our operations consistently align with state and federal guidelines while maximizing resources. I am also adept at budget management, ensuring that we deliver high-quality services within our financial constraints.

Looking forward, I am excited to continue driving positive change within the community, with a strong focus on fostering healthier eating habits and implementing innovative food service strategies. My vision is to not only improve the quality of meals served in schools but also to create a culture where students and staff value and understand the importance of nutrition in their daily lives.