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Misty Higgins is the Special Education Director of Port Neches-Groves Independent School District. She has helped develop and fund the program from the beginning.
First Flag Football Game *(photos, no video)*

Photos: two images show a male Special Olympics athlete playing flag football in a Unified game with PNG.
First State Track Meet *(video with no audio)*

Direct link: 55 seconds. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ym0sgqywF8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ym0sgqywF8)
PNG Unified Photo gallery (1 of 2)

Above: two images of PNG teammates celebrating and showing camaraderie with each other.
PNG Unified Photo gallery (2 of 2)

Photo gallery: ten photos show various Unified activities on and off the playing field. This includes long jump, going out to eat at a pizza restaurant with enormous food on tables, rushing the field, cheer and basketball.
Unified Basketball (video w/music)

Direct link. 53 seconds. Video includes pop music played over basketball. [https://youtu.be/r0df_8xMb3A](https://youtu.be/r0df_8xMb3A)
Paisley and Colby (video w/sound)

An athlete and Unified Partner discuss their friendship. Direct link. [https://youtu.be/Q4ElxQrselA](https://youtu.be/Q4ElxQrselA)
Unified Pep rally! (video w/music)

Direct link. 46 seconds. Video includes pop music played over a packed pep rally. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=db47cdJ73Dg
Kaleb (video w/sound)

2:20 length. Unified athlete, male, wears PNG Unified shirt and addresses camera. Direct link: https://youtu.be/wQDJqXlzX_E
Daylon’s quote (image, no video)

Left: photo of a male Unified Partner, Daylon, looking directly into camera lens.

“Joining Special Olympics is one of the greatest things I have chosen to do in high school.” -Daylan, Unified partner
Unified Final Notes

(time permitting) UNIFIED FINAL PNG SLIDE before FUNdamental
Brief Q & A before next subject

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SOTX/Unified Volunteer page:

Next up: FUNdamental Sports
Barbara Kielaszek has been a Special Olympics volunteer for over 40 years. She is a retired Adapted Physical Education teacher and is the current lead volunteer for FUNdamental Sports.
Motor Activities Training Program - “MATP” - has now become FUNdamental Sports

direct link, 1:31 length: https://youtu.be/Jjacav4j55k
What is FUNdamental Sports?

FUNdamental Sports is designed for individuals who are unable to participate in Official Special Olympics events due to their physical skills and/or functional abilities.

The three core principles include:

**F**oundational Skills

**U**nified Partners

**N**o Limits

Five images show five different FUNdamental athletes all having a great time while they have assistance, either from a person or device, achieving their sport.
Foundational Skills

Above: four images show FUNdamental athletes completing different sports.

Above: 10-second clip shows a FUNdamental athlete catch a ball using a glove.
Unified Partners

Three images above show FUNdamental athletes engaging in events including a ball toss, awards and step-and-repeat photo opportunity and leg strengthening/stretching.
No Limits

Left image: a female athlete engages in modified ball toss. Right two images: a female athlete using a wheelchair launches a ball at a target using a ramp.
Progression → Success

Photos: A male athlete prepares for cycling in photos one and two by using a training aid/workout machine, and in photo three he is off and riding with the help of a volunteer.
Building a Community

- Engaging community partners with the school transition team to support the individual’s:
  - socialization
  - daily life skills
  - volunteer and work opportunities

- Creating opportunities for families to build a support network:
  - family members become coaches
  - greater family and community interaction through sport
  - opening doors of involvement outside of the home (e.g., parks and rec, churches, day hab programs, neighborhood leagues)

- Raising awareness & developing avenues for inclusion

Image gallery: four images show FUNdamental athletes at a competition as well as enjoying a stroll at a camp.
Community Partners

- Robotics Organizations
- STEM programs
- Retired Engineering Volunteer Groups
- OTs and PTs

Above: three photos show the progression of a basketball-shooting device being built for usage in upcoming FUNdamental activities.
State Games

- May 19-20, 2023 in San Antonio
- Sports: Athletics (Track & Field), Basketball, Cycling, Gymnastics, Soccer, Tennis

Photos include four images of FUNdamental athletes playing modified basketball, cycling, tennis and awards.
In Conclusion . . .

- No Limits
- Progression and skill development is key
- Unified Partners & activities lead to community engagement & understanding
- Families unite & strengthen within the community & schools
- FUN!

Four photos show FUNdamental Sports athletes experiencing joys and wins, including a male athlete being aided in pool activities and a female athlete pulling ropes.
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Q & A & Wrap up