



EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Gilbert Garza, Jr., Interim Superintendent

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Dear Edinburg CISD Staff,

I wanted to provide you with some updates on our progress and plans on the opening of campuses and facilities for the new school year. Our Board of Trustees held three committee meetings this week. We thank the Board for their time and guidance during these challenging times.

During the Facilities Committee Meeting on August 4, 2020, the administration provided updates on construction projects throughout the District. Thank you to our Board of Trustees for their continued commitment to the maintenance and improvements of our schools and facilities.

On August 5, 2020, the Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting convened and was provided information on the District's 2020-2021 Safe Start School Plan. The plan outlines five different levels of action that the District will enact based on the latest safety information provided by local, state, and national health authorities. Currently, we are at Level 4, which requires all students to learn from home, provides teachers with the option to teach from school or home, and authorizes essential staff to report to their campus. The Safe Start School Plan will be posted to the District website next week. Additionally, a new Mental Health Safety Alerts System has been created for students, parents, and teachers to report their mental and emotional concerns through the online District Anonymous Alerts system or available phone application. This new system will be a tremendous asset to support the mental health and wellness of everyone.

The Technology Committee Meeting was also held on August 5, 2020, and the Technology Department provided several updates, including the latest information on the ECISD Online Innovate Teaching and Learning Conference. I want to thank those of you who participated in this highly successful event. Several thousand teachers and administrators, including parents, attended the conference, which provided more than 100 sessions on Google Classroom and many of our online instructional resources. The IT Department continues to work collaboratively with campus administrators to distribute devices and hotspots to designated students to ensure equitable "learn from home" access beginning August 31, 2020. The Transportation and IT departments assessed internet availability at some of our most remote areas of the District where students reside, and we are pleased to report that all students should have the ability to participate in the online learning process.

Furthermore, the delivery of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), school supplies, instructional materials, and supplemental resources continues. Campus principals are receiving many of these resources daily for onsite or remote learning. A "Back to School Supply Drive-Thru" is scheduled the week of August 17, 2020, for all schools. Students will pick up their school supplies, textbooks, and additional instructional resources.

District and campus administrative teams continue to work hard as we get ready for the upcoming school year. I applaud them for their dedication and commitment to doing everything possible to see to it that our students succeed under these unusual circumstances. Additionally, we are releasing important information daily to students and parents through Parentlink and various other forms of communication. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, your campus principal, or your supervisor.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Garza, Jr.
Interim Superintendent

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