



EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Gilbert Garza, Jr., Interim Superintendent

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Dear Edinburg CISD Staff,

As we continue to get ready for the new school year, we know that you are preparing for an extraordinary year with our students. We are all working very hard to move us forward and safely through this challenging time. Previously, I mentioned that we were in Level 4 of our 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. A copy of the Safe Start School Plan, which details the different levels, is attached for your information.

For the past week, we have been providing our parents with valuable information about the start of the school year through several types of communication, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Parentlink. Parentlink is one of the most important means of communication that we have to communicate with them, including many of you who are parents. For this reason, I ask for your help to remind parents to keep their contact information updated by calling their child's campus or logging on to their Skyward account.

If you have some questions or concerns about our plans for the new year, I invite all of you to learn more about our Instructional Continuity Plan during our **Virtual Town Hall Meeting LIVE on Facebook at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020**. One of the questions frequently asked by parents deals with the technology their children will be using during virtual learning. We have begun distributing devices and hotspots to designated students to ensure equitable "learn from home" access starting August 31, 2020. Parents have been advised to contact their campus principal if they need a device. The District continues to purchase devices as they become available.

Many of you will be very busy the week of August 17th thru August 21st, as we launch our "Back to School Supply Drive-Thru" for all campuses. Students will pick up their school supplies, textbooks, and additional instructional resources during their scheduled dates and times. Also, the successful Curbside Meal Pickup Program will start on August 31, 2020. Only registered Edinburg CISD students will be eligible to receive a breakfast and a lunch. I commend our child nutrition professionals for an excellent job of providing more than 2.2 million healthy meals to our children during this challenging time in our community.

I understand that the beginning of the school year will be different due to the global pandemic. However, I ask that you face the start of the year with as much spirit and enthusiasm as you have in previous years. This is a historic time for our students, so let's make it memorable for them and us. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your campus principal, your supervisor, or me.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Garza, Jr.
Interim Superintendent

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Es poliza del Distrito Escolar de Edinburg el no discriminar por razones con base en genero, edad, religion, raza, color origen nacional, ni discapacidad dentro de sus programas educacionales.

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