



EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Gilbert Garza, Jr., Interim Superintendent

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Dear Edinburg CISD Parents and Students,

Welcome back to Edinburg CISD! Your teachers, principal, and campus support staff are preparing for an extraordinary year. I want to assure you that everyone is working very hard to move us forward and safely through this challenging time. Our Board of Trustees has provided us with exceptional guidance and leadership and has approved the purchase of over \$9 million in instructional resources and personal protective equipment for staff and students. The Board Members are committed to ensure that all of our safety measures and our high-quality instructional learning meet the standards that you have come to expect from our nationally-recognized academic curriculum. A special thank you to our Trustees for their continued support and dedication to our school community.

For the past week, we have been providing you 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 with each of you. For this reason, you must keep your contact information updated by calling your child's campus or logging on to your Skyward account. By staying connected with Edinburg CISD, you will receive the latest and most accurate information available as we continue to communicate with you and your child throughout the school year.

As we begin the remote "learn from home" school year, I am confident the innovative and creative lessons created by our curriculum writers, who are certified and experienced teachers, will engage your child daily. I applaud all of these teachers for their hard work! I know that many of you may still have some questions, so we hope to answer many of your concerns 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 your 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. Contact your campus principal if you need a device. The District continues to purchase devices as they become available.

The week of August 17th thru August 21st, 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. In addition, 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.

Parents, thank you for your patience and understanding during this critical period in our school district's history. If you have any questions, you may contact your campus principal or me throughout the school year. Thanks for being part of our Edinburg CISD family, and have a safe and enjoyable year!

Sincerely,

Gilbert Garza, Jr.
Interim Superintendent

Nondiscrimination Statement

It is the policy of Edinburg CISD not to discriminate on the basis of gender, age, handicap, religion, race, color, or national origin in its educational programs.
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.

Communicate and Connect with All Stakeholders



Excel in Academics and Ensure Equal Access

Innovate Through Technology



Secure a Safe Learning Environment



Develop and Retain Highly Qualified Staff