



EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Gilbert Garza, Jr., Interim Superintendent

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Dear Edinburg CISD Staff,

What a terrific start to the new school year! I cannot express enough how thankful I am to everyone for doing such a great job in welcoming back our students. The District is providing quality instruction, either synchronous or asynchronous, to over 31,000 students since the beginning of the week. We will continue to work together to ensure we address the needs of our students and make any necessary adjustments.

I also wanted to provide you with some updates as we move forward into September. On August 31, 2020, the Facilities Committee Meeting convened, and the administration provided information on planned construction projects throughout the District. Some of the projects discussed included the construction of additional secured fencing and gates at all elementary schools, paving improvements at Barrientes Middle School and Trevino Elementary School, gym improvements at San Carlos Elementary School, resurfacing of the tennis courts at South Middle School, installing a drop-off canopy at Avila Elementary School, the construction of a playscape at Magee Elementary School, and roof improvements at the Transportation Annex building. The turf reconstruction at the Richard R. Flores Stadium was completed ahead of schedule and on budget.

The Board also held a workshop on August 31, 2020, to discuss and deliberate on the financing to improve and renovate the newly purchased Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center located on North Closner Boulevard as well as the Barrientes Career Center and South CTE facilities. Soon we will be able to offer expanded programs and services to many of our high school students.

A reminder that our Curbside Meal Pickup Program is up and running Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is once again available to all children in our community. If a child is not present in the vehicle, parents will need to provide a student ID or birth certificate. Also, our Technology Call Center is up and operational. I want to thank all of our tech experts for assisting numerous staff, students, and parents this week. Our phone lines at the Technology Call Center remain continuously busy, but we are committed to meeting everyone's needs. To reach the center, call (956) 289-2325 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Furthermore, if you or someone you know needs assistance due to the pandemic, there are many resources available. Hidalgo County is offering help for families with their mortgage and rent expenses, funeral costs related to the pandemic, and small business loans. For more information, visit <https://www.hidalgocares.org/>. Additionally, the City of Edinburg is offering emergency rental assistance. The program will provide up to six months of emergency rental assistance within the city limits. Check out the city's website at <https://cityofedinburg.com/> to see if you qualify.

Finally, if you haven't done so already, I encourage everyone to please fill out your census forms today at 2020census.gov/. We must all be counted in our school community. If you have any questions, reach out to your campus principal, your supervisor, or me.

Thank you for your service and commitment to the students of ECISD.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Garza, Jr.
Interim Superintendent

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