



EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Gilbert Garza, Jr., Interim Superintendent

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Dear Edinburg CISD Staff,

Thank you for another successful week! I am so proud of the dedication and commitment to excellence that all of you have demonstrated in the performance of your duties. All departments have been working collaboratively to ensure our educational programs and services remain at the exemplary level that our students, parents, and community expect and deserve. Since March 2020, the Curriculum and Instruction Department, along with talented and creative teachers, have planned and developed an engaging curriculum that addresses the needs of all our students for the remote learning environment. I'm happy to report that the beginning of our school year is a success because of our planning and preparation and the support and financial investment our Board of Trustees provided.

As of today, we are currently serving 32,509 students at our 43 campus sites. Each student is unique as well as the needs of our school communities. Edinburg CISD offers uniform district-wide programs, but we are also aware that principals may need to adjust and modify to ensure student success. For this reason, adjustments to the daily class schedules have been approved to allow time for students and staff to prepare and transition to the next class period. Campus principals will be meeting with you to make these adjustments and to communicate with our students and parents.

Other adjustments we are implementing include the expansion of our meal service to students in rural areas. Our bus drivers are delivering school breakfast and lunch meals to students in designated communities. This new service has increased our daily student meal distribution by approximately 10,000 meals. Our transportation staff is also setting up buses with Wi-Fi transmitting devices, distributing school supplies and technology equipment, picking up and dropping off homework assignments, and locating students who have not reported back for the 2020-2021 school year. Gracias to our bus drivers for stepping up and offering critical support to students and staff, while their regular bus routes remain halted.

Next week our Board of Trustees will be deliberating on a waiver application to the Texas Education Agency to extend the remote learning environment for an additional four-week period up to October 23, 2020. The Texas Education Agency requires that school districts must "allow all students access to campus instruction who come from households without internet access or appropriate remote learning devices." We are diligently working to provide our students with internet service where it is not available, or there is no connectivity in remote areas. If connectivity remains an issue, parents will have an option to allow their child to attend on-campus instruction beginning September 29, 2020. I will keep you informed of District plans as they become available.

It is teamwork that continues to drive our school district to be champions, and it is teamwork that will carry us onward during this challenging time. If you have any questions, reach out to your campus principal, your supervisor, or me. Thank you, and God bless all of you and your families.

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