



EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Edinburg CISD Staff,

Thanks to your continued hard work, we have achieved the completion of another successful week. With the first four weeks of virtual learning for all students behind us, we are now preparing for designated student groups to return to the campus for internet connectivity access and face-to-face academic support. The return of students to our schools is the next phase-in of our 2020-2021 opening plan.

The phase-in opening plan for designated student groups to return to campus will proceed through October 22, 2020. If the District determines an additional extension of our phase-in opening plan may be required, we must obtain TEA approval before it is adopted by our Board of Trustees. Any request must include a plan with increasing access to on-campus instruction and students must receive instructional support from staff who have the capacity and expertise to provide academic support specific to the student's grade level and content area. TEA did advise it would take into consideration if our district falls into a region of the state where a high percentage of our hospitalizations were due to COVID-19. As always, the District will monitor and apply safety standards to protect students and staff. I will share additional information as it becomes available.

As I have regularly communicated, the student's return to in-person instruction will always remain a parent choice. On Tuesday, September 29, 2020, we will launch the Return to School Parent Choice Survey. Parents will be asked to choose between two options available as we transition into the phase-in opening plan for designated student population groups or grade levels. The options are to select continued remote at-home learning for their child or on-campus instruction. The deadline for parents to submit the survey is Friday, October 9, 2020. I know that many of you have children that attend our schools, so I encourage you to fill out the online survey via Skyward Family Access as soon as it becomes available.

Our varsity fall athletic sports and fine arts programs will be open for on-campus participation beginning Tuesday, September 29, 2020. Parents of the athletic and fine arts student groups were surveyed to elect if their child would participate in the on-campus activities and scheduled competitions. The District will monitor and apply safety standards to protect students and staff and scheduled dates are subject to change based on the health environment of the school and local community.

A reminder that all schools and central administration offices will be closed on Monday, September 28, 2020, for a scheduled holiday. I hope that you take some time off to relax with your family and friends during this three-day weekend. Once again, thank you and our Board of Trustees for all that you do to ensure that our students receive the highest-quality instructional learning that they have come to expect from Edinburg CISD.

Feel free to reach out to your principal, your supervisor, or me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you soon on campus.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Garza, Jr.

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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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