



# EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Edinburg CISD Staff,

Join me in honoring all of our principals in October as we celebrate National Principals Month. It is a special time to recognize the hard work, dedication, and the phenomenal role that principals play in ensuring that our schools are running smoothly to educate our children. Speaking of principals, congratulations to Edinburg High School Principal Yesenia T. Molina for being named the Region One Outstanding Principal of the Year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals. As a Region One winner, she will be eligible to compete for the state title of Texas Principal of the Year. We are very proud of you, Mrs. Molina, for this fantastic achievement.

I am so grateful to all of you for supporting our students and their families as we continue to transition from remote learning to on-campus instruction effectively. The administration is submitting a request to extend our transition period beyond October 23, 2020. We are currently midway through the second four-week transition window's extension approved by the Board of Trustees. We will be applying for an additional four-week extended transition. However, any additional transition window needs to be reviewed and approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) before Board ratification. According to TEA, any transition extension plan must include increasing allowed on-campus instruction. We will keep you informed.

Additionally, the 1st Six-Weeks Report Card went out this week. I appreciate our teachers' and staff's hard work for distributing this information to parents and students on time. Speaking of students, it has been great seeing many of them at their schools, in the gyms, and on the practice fields. We look forward to seeing our athletic and fine arts students competing and performing later this month.

In our efforts to successfully transition students to on-campus instruction, we continue to strengthen our facilities' safety. We are now adding designated isolation rooms. During a Special Called Board Meeting on October 6, 2020, the administration presented the plan recommended by our Health Services Department to house COVID-19 Isolation Rooms at every campus as an additional safety precaution for our students and staff. The rooms will be used by our health professionals to evaluate patients further. As you know, our students' and staff's health and safety have always been our top priority

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Get the Shot, Not the Flu program, where we offered drive-thru flu shots at the Richard R. Flores Stadium. I was pleased to learn that hundreds of you received your flu vaccines this week during the program. I would also like to encourage everyone to take advantage of the free COVID-19 testing this weekend at the stadium. On Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until about noon, the Texas Army National Guard offers the testing free of charge with no pre-registration required and with no symptoms necessary. They may close early due to testing limits, so please arrive early.

A final note, October is National Bullying Prevention Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I urge everyone to help support both of these great causes by wearing orange-colored clothing on Wednesdays for National Bullying Prevention Month and pink colored-clothing on Fridays for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

I look forward to the day when we can welcome everyone back to our schools and facilities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your principal, supervisor, or me. Thank you for being a part of our Edinburg CISD family.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Garza, Jr.  
Interim Superintendent

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*Develop and Retain Highly Qualified Staff*