



# EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Gilbert Garza, Jr., Interim Superintendent*

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Dear Edinburg CISD Staff,

I previously shared with you last week that I submitted a request to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to extend our on-campus instruction transition period for an additional four weeks beyond the October 23<sup>rd</sup> board approved date. As per TEA, any extended transition window must reflect increasing levels of allowed on-campus instruction. We are awaiting final approval from the agency. At this time, the District is currently providing on-campus access for students without internet connectivity, 12<sup>th</sup> grade EOC re-testers, and students with assigned placement in our special education units. For the designated student groups, parents continue to have the option to allow their child to attend on-campus instruction or remain with remote at-home learning throughout the prescribed phase-in timeline and at the immediate conclusion of the transition period. I will keep you informed as to the outcome of our waiver request.

In the meantime, we also continue to welcome back students from our varsity athletics and fine arts programs. High school football scrimmage games kick off this week. Safety guidelines have been developed and implemented based on recommendations from local, state, and national health authorities and guidance from TEA and UIL. The games will not be open to the general public. Each student athlete or fine arts participant will be given a token that can be used to purchase two tickets for general admission into the stadium for each week's game. Our community can still support our students by watching a livestream of the games via our website. We encourage you to support our athletics and fine arts students by tuning in.

On Monday, October 19, 2020, open enrollment begins for medical, dental, and flexible spending account (FSA) plans. You will need to log on to the BeneBridge Enrollment system at <https://secure.benebridge.com/assn/ecisd> to complete the mandatory enrollment process. If you were unable to attend a pre-enrollment information session, you may access a recording of the session in English or Spanish on the district website, benefits department page. For any questions regarding the open enrollment process or your benefits, please contact our Insurance Department at (956) 289-2300, ext. 2180.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we move close to welcoming everyone back to our campuses. As always, if you have any questions, please contact your principal, supervisor, or me. Stay safe, and God bless each 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.

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*Innovate Through Technology*



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