



# EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Gilbert Garza, Jr., Interim Superintendent*

December 4, 2020

Dear Edinburg CISD Staff,

Welcome back from the Thanksgiving Break. I hope that you had a great time with your family. As directed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), we will invite all elementary students on Monday, December 7, 2020, to our schools whose parents have chosen for them to receive on-campus instruction. The following week, we will receive all secondary students. Additionally, I have scheduled two Asynchronous Fridays for remote learning on December 11 & December 18, 2020. A reminder that there will be an early release on Friday, December 18, 2020, for elementary students at 1:30 p.m. and secondary students at 2:30 p.m. as designated in our school calendar. Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to transition our students to face-to-face instruction.

On Tuesday, December 8, 2020, our Board of Trustees is expected to approve a one-time \$300 stipend to ALL full-time employees inclusive of professional, paraprofessional, and auxiliary staff who have been employed by the District prior to November 2 and for teachers who began delivering face-to-face classroom instruction with at least two or more students beginning November 30 through December 18. The stipend will be paid and distributed in addition to the original \$500 mid-year supplement, totaling an \$800 payment on December 17, 2020. In appreciation and support of our instructional aides, an additional \$200 one-time stipend will be paid for providing face-to-face classroom instruction with at least two or more students from November 30 through December 18, totaling a possible \$1,000 payment on December 17. A special thank you to our Board of Trustees for their continued generosity and support of all our staff.

As we prepare to enjoy the holidays, please keep in mind that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warns against all travel to Mexico. If you must travel beyond our borders, you will need to get tested 3-5 days after your journey and stay home for 7 days after your trip. During this quarantine time, you will need to use your own personal state leave days if you are scheduled to work. Remember that you can get tested through our COVID-19 Rapid Testing Project in partnership with TEA. Our nurses offer the FREE testing benefit to all employees currently being provided in the annex building at Lincoln Elementary School. For more information about the testing project, please call our nurses at (956) 289-2300, ext. 2279 or 2280.

Should you have any questions, please contact your principal, supervisor, or me. In the meantime, stay healthy and safe as we approach the end of the fall semester.

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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