



# EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Gilbert Garza, Jr., Interim Superintendent*

January 8, 2021

Dear Edinburg CISD Staff,

I sincerely hope that everyone had a safe and wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Board of Trustees approved the extension of the winter break through January 12, 2021. School will resume on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, as per the instructional school times and teacher daily work schedule as communicated in my previous letter on December 16, 2020. Additionally, parents will continue to have the option to allow their child to attend on-campus instruction or remain with remote at-home learning. Due to the extended winter break, the Board of Trustees approved an amended school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. I have attached the calendar for your information. Your campus principal will review the amended calendar with you upon your official return date.

As we continue to move safely forward through this challenging time with the rise of COVID cases, I have elected to allow classroom teachers to continue to have the option to work remotely from home until February 26, 2021. However, in order to meet the instructional supervision and safety oversight of students who have elected to receive face-to-face instruction on campus, the Board of Trustees will ratify a stipend plan on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. A \$100 weekly stipend will be compensated to classroom teachers and a \$50 weekly stipend will be compensated to instructional aides who deliver face-to-face instruction for two or more students on each instructional day of an instructional week beginning on January 13, 2021, and ending on February 26, 2021. Teachers who elect to teach remotely from home must collect their technology and other instructional resources from the campus classroom on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, so that you may be ready for your wellness morning check-in on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

In order to provide as safe of a work environment as possible, ALL staff will be required to complete a COVID-19 test prior to reporting to work on January 13, 2021. Test results from January 4<sup>th</sup> through the morning of January 13<sup>th</sup> will be valid and accepted as appropriate documentation. Our nurses will continue to offer the FREE testing benefit to all employees at the Lincoln Elementary School Annex Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Free testing at all campus sites will be offered on January 13, 2021, beginning at 7:00 a.m. For more information about testing, please call our nurses at (956) 289-2300, ext. 2027 or 2028.

If you have any questions, please contact your principal, supervisor, or me. Have a healthy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Garza, Jr.  
Interim Superintendent

*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*

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