



EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Gilbert Garza, Jr., Interim Superintendent

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Dear Edinburg CISD Staff,

My hat's off to everyone for successfully completing another week! We are three weeks into the school year, and that means progress reports are due. As designated in our school calendar, the 1st Six-Weeks Progress Report Card grading period ends on Friday, September 18, 2020, at 10 p.m. Please make sure that all assignments and grades designated for the 1st Six Weeks Progress Report Card grading period are entered into Skyward Teacher Gradebooks. I am excited to see our staff working hard to ensure our students receive a rigorous and engaging learning experience.

During a Special Called Board Meeting on September 17, 2020, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a waiver application be submitted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to extend the remote learning environment for an additional four-week transition period to October 23, 2020. However, TEA requires that school districts must "allow all students access to campus instruction who come from households without internet access or appropriate remote learning devices." Therefore, designated students will receive virtual learning in the school setting beginning September 29, 2020. Parents of the designated student groups will have an option to allow their children to attend on-campus instruction if their homes are without internet service connectivity. Please keep in mind that the decision for students to return to in-person instruction will remain with parents. We will continue to provide remote learning instruction for students who remain at home. Teachers will continue to have the option to work remotely from home until October 22, 2020. Furthermore, varsity fall athletics and varsity fall fine arts programs will be open for on-campus student participation beginning September 29, 2020. Parents will also have the choice to allow their child to participate. The District will monitor and apply safety standards to protect students and staff. Please note that the scheduled dates are subject to change.

As you know, getting a flu shot this year is more critical than ever. The Board recently approved funding for employees enrolled in our health plan to receive flu vaccinations this year. Next month, we launch our Get the Shot, Not the Flu program. The District will be offering drive-thru flu shots on October 5 – October 8 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Richard R. Flores Stadium and onsite at the Central Administration Building from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on October 8. Employees without health coverage will be required to pay the \$20 fee (cash or check only). Please be advised that the flu shots will only be provided to full-time employees. Also, a reminder to please fill out your 2020 Census questionnaire at 2020census.gov/. We must all be counted in our school community. The September 30th deadline is fast approaching.

If you have any questions, we are here to help. Send all inquiries to your campus principal, your supervisor, or me. Thank you for your understanding and patience through these very uncertain times. We will get through this together. Stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Garza, Jr.
Interim Superintendent

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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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