

Dear Families,

As the summer comes to a close, the Edinburg Common School teachers, staff members, and I are excited to start the 2020 - 2021 school year, regardless of the learning model. We know that we haven't been together as a school community since March of 2020, so we are excited to see your faces once again! As a result of the pandemic, we know that "school" has and will look quite different for some time. We have been busily creating our Reopening Plan to ensure the Edinburg Common School District can open our doors safely with procedures and policies in place that allow social distancing and safe transitions. Extra daily and weekly cleaning protocols along with special attention to higher trafficked and handled areas have been established as well. The district is confident that the measures taken will support a safe environment to learn and teach from.

The Edinburg Common School District would like to thank our families, teachers, and staff for participating in three "Informational Parent Sessions" that were held on August 12th, August 18th, and August 20th. It was a great opportunity for the district to share the Reopening Plan and open opportunities for the school community to ask questions. All questions asked were compiled into a document that is located on the district website titled "Reopening Questions and Answers". Anyone that still has questions, comments and/or concerns can also send an email to [reopening@edinburgcs.org](mailto:reopening@edinburgcs.org). As always, we welcome and appreciate your feedback!

The summer has been very busy for us all. We have painted, waxed, and cleaned rooms and hallways in order to be ready for a fresh start. We have moved furniture to maximize building and classroom capacity that allows students, teachers, and staff to be able to social distance within classrooms. We would like to thank our maintenance and summer staff for all their hard work and dedication to making this possible. Our office worked diligently to send home "Back-to-School" information packets. Families will receive supply lists, the school calendar, marking period information, immunization requirements, the student handbook, and the forms booklet for parents to fill out and return by the first day of school. We would like to thank our office staff for their ongoing commitment and dedication to serving our families.

The first full day of school will begin on Thursday, September 10, 2020. Edinburg Common School District will use Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th as "Transition Days" for students and families to come and visit their "new" classroom and teacher. The appointments have been scheduled in 20 minute intervals which will give families enough time to ask questions and share concerns.

The Edinburg Common School District has also had to stagger our arrival and dismissal times. Students using district transportation will arrive (approximately) at 7:35 am by bus. Students being transported by parents will arrive at school at 7:50 am. Families, teachers, staff, and visitors will be required to complete a "daily health screening" including a daily temperature with results below 100.0 prior to being granted building access. The nurse will review the questionnaire prior to entry into the building. Families, teachers, staff, and visitors not completing those requirements will not be granted access. Students will then enter the building

and have a “Grab and Go” breakfast if they choose to participate in the breakfast program. Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the classroom. Extra time will be given throughout the day for proper hand washing opportunities. Students will remain in the classroom for those meals, core subject instruction, and art classes. The district will use outside learning areas as best as we can. Music and physical education classes will take place in the gym and outside when weather permits. Those physical activities, as per guidance, require 12 feet of social distancing.

We know this year will mentally, physically, socially and emotionally challenge our school community, but we are determined to weather through the storm. Edinburg Common School District would like to thank YOU for your ongoing support and patience as we move into the 2020-2021 school year!

For more information please go to our school website at [www.edinburgcs.org](http://www.edinburgcs.org) and/or like our school Facebook page.

Dates to Remember:

- September 2nd - Teacher Work Day
- September 3rd - Superintendent Conference Day
- September 4th - No School
- September 7th - No School - Labor Day
- September 8th - “Transition Day” (by appointment only)
- September 8th - Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
- September 9th - “Transition Day” (by appointment only)
- September 10th - First Full Day of School