

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our students, parents, school district personnel and EPISD Board of Trustees to the 2017-2018 school year. Each school year is exciting with the promise of new opportunities and achievements for our students and staff. The 2016-2017 school year was exceptional for Eagle Pass Independent School District, and it seems each year our students and staff members continuously exceed the standards with their accomplishments. For the past five years I've had the great opportunity to represent this community as Superintendent of Schools. I firmly believe Eagle Pass continues to be a thriving community that is both a great place to live and learn. It is my goal to continue to provide the leadership necessary to foster a sound educational system.

Our district will continue to direct its efforts towards enriching the students learning experience. We will continue to promote a challenging environment that emphasizes high standards and exceptions with the vision of excellence. Our educational environment will evolve based on recent mandates from the State and Federal governments. Staff and administration have embraced these changes by seamlessly integrating these mandates into the curriculum. Our student performance demonstrates significant progress and reveals how students can excel even with changing standards. We are committed to provide an experience full of opportunities for all students to engage in school activities and state assessments.

We continue our commitment to having the highest quality staff in our schools. In June, we said farewell to many colleagues who shifted into retirement or left us to pursue new endeavors. Their outstanding work is greatly appreciated along with the positive impact they embedded among our students. This August will give us an opportunity to welcome new teachers and support personnel joining our team. We look forward to acclimating staff and learning from them as they learn from us.

Thanks to our amazing employees and community the Tax Ratification Election or TRE passed and because of this support, we are able to continue to move forward as a school district. This year has already heralded in triumph as construction of Eagle Pass Junior High's and the Student Activity Center's tennis courts have been completed. Also, we are pleased to announce that construction will soon begin at Eagle Pass High School and CC Winn High School. Both high schools will be soon receiving greatly needed field houses for their athletic programs. As this date rapidly approaches, we remain eager to show you the results and embark on new and exciting projects.

Eagle Pass Independent School District fosters an environment of Excellence because of the tremendous support of our staff, families, and community. We look forward to providing our students with an exceptional education and school experience this year.

Sincerely,

Gilberto Gonzalez

Superintendent of Schools