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**South
Texas ISD**

RIO GRANDE VALLEY | GRADES 7-12

Dear Parents,

Please know that all students – whether taking courses virtually, on campus or through the blended option – are required to take their assessments on campus, according to the decision by the Texas Education Agency.

This year, all assessments are more important than ever in assisting us in measuring student knowledge and mastery in specific courses and subject areas and planning for individualized student support. Some assessments will determine whether credit will be awarded for the student to take into higher education. The STAAR assessments are also required for high school graduation, and failure to complete the exams could make students ineligible for graduation.

We will provide bus transportation for those students who need it. The bus schedule will be e-mailed and posted on the district website along with the testing schedule.

All students and faculty/staff will be required to follow the health and safety protocols of the district while on campus or in any district facility, including maintaining social distancing and wearing a mask. See the STISD Flexible Learning Initiative: Roadmap to a safe return located within the COVID-19 section of the district website for additional details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's campus. We hope you will agree how important it is for us to assess where all our students are academically, due to potential regression during this year-long pandemic, so that we may plan accordingly to address the needs of our students in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marco Antonio Lara, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools