

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Media Inquiries:

Jason E. Moody

Director of Public Relations and Community Engagement

Office: 956.548.8000

Cell: 956.465.3853

jemoody@bisd.us



Brownsville ISD encourages the use of Face Masks

Brownsville, Texas - May 27, 2021 - The Brownsville Independent School District (Brownsville ISD) announces today that on May 20, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott issued an Executive Order that will make face masking optional in public schools beginning on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Governor Abbott's Executive Order will not require our students, staff, parents, and visitors to wear a face mask in our Brownsville ISD campuses and buildings. Our district continues to advocate for the safety of all our students, staff, parents, and visitors and we encourage everyone to use masks inside our campuses and buildings beginning on June 5, 2021.

Brownsville ISD will continue with other Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) measures such as social distancing, frequent use of hand sanitizers or hand washing. We will also continue cleaning and disinfecting all of our facilities on a regular basis.

We are having graduations beginning June 10, 2021, and summer school on June 14, 2021, and these events will be taking place after the Governor's Executive Order becomes effective so, we encourage everyone to wear face masks for everyone's safety. To continue with our safety guidelines, we also encourage everyone that is 12 years or older to receive their COVID-19 vaccines as soon as possible.

The district will continue to monitor new guidelines and act accordingly with the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and with state officials as those guidelines continue to evolve.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We are committed to keep all of our facilities and campuses as safe as possible for our students, staff, parents, and visitors.

For more information, contact the Brownsville Independent School District at 956.548.8000.

###

About Brownsville Independent School District:

Established in 1915, The Brownsville Independent School District is a public school district whose mission is to graduate students who are prepared to excel in higher education and successfully pursue career opportunities in a changing global society by maximizing resources to ensure equitable opportunities for all students. Recognized for its top rated performance through the Texas Education Agency, the Brownsville Independent School District is the largest employer in the Rio Grande Valley with 54 schools, 6,458 employees, and 43,028 students. The Brownsville Independent School District provides a broad selection of academic activities and programs for all students that range from Early College High Schools to support programs for students with special needs. Thanks to the support of the local community, the Brownsville Independent School District is The Best Choice with a graduation rate of 93%. For more information, visit www.bisd.us.