



South Texas ISD
**Preparatory
Academy**

GRADES 6-8 | EDINBURG

August 9, 2022

Dear Spartan Parents,

Congratulations students, parents, teachers, and all faculty members for a successful first couple of days of school for the 2022-23 school year. We saw the excitement of the students as they walked the halls with their classmates and new friends.

I might not have had the pleasure to meet you during Meet the Teacher night, so allow me to introduce myself. I am Marco Antonio Zamora and I'm extremely excited to be part of the Spartan family. I have more than twenty years in education and six years as a Principal. My experience includes middle and high school, which has certainly prepared me to lead STISD Preparatory Academy. Our high performing campus is unique as it provides high school educational opportunities to middle school students, which sets us apart from other middle schools.

As our new school year begins there will be changes within the campus that are new to Preparatory Academy. Many of these changes are for the betterment of the students and staff and include areas of health and safety, which are my number one priority and the priority of STISD.

You'll notice that our bell schedule has changed from the previous school years, as a means to ensure we are meeting the instructional minutes required by Texas law. We continue to provide two lunch periods for our students, so students remain in small groups and have the time to eat and socialize. Our enrichment period, which now is scheduled during the middle of the day, will be utilized to enhance students' academic abilities or to assist those who may need additional learning time due to House Bill 4545. Our traditional pep rallies, school dances and field trips will also continue as they are important events for our students and will be scheduled throughout the year.

I look forward to working with our PSTO as well, as I understand they are an active organization that partners with our campus in providing exciting and challenging opportunities for students and parents. Safety is certainly an area of concern, and I hope this year our PSTO and Preparatory Academy can establish an even stronger relationship that assists in providing parents strategies to share with their children for home and school, that will help keep us all safe. I will provide a monthly update for you as we continue through the year and share with you the latest information on the happenings of Preparatory Academy.

Sincerely,

Marco A. Zamora, Principal