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Greetings,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology I want to extend a warm welcome to all our students and their families for the 2026-2027 school year. Students, I hope that you all had a wonderful summer, had the opportunity to read a few good books, rested, and are ready to get back to learning.

I am deeply honored to serve as the director of this wonderful institution, steeped in a legacy of excellence and a foundation of the Rockdale County community. I have been a resident of Rockdale County for the past 20 years and view it as a privilege to be able to serve in my community. I am a veteran educator with 29 years of experience having served as a mathematics teacher, instructional coach, assistant principal, and 7 years as a principal in RCPS during my career. I served as the director of the EPIC Center (Alpha Academy, Open Campus, Rockdale Virtual Campus) from 2023 – 2026, and previously as the principal at Rockdale County High School from 2019 – 2023.

I am excited about the opportunity to work with our faculty and staff to continue providing our students with the best educational experiences possible to ensure that they are critical thinkers who are adequately prepared to be innovators, leaders, and catalysts for growth in whatever endeavors that they pursue, and most of all are responsible citizens. It is with that mindset that the theme for this year is “Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow.”

We enter this year excited about the opportunities for growth. I look forward to building relationships with all stakeholders throughout this year and encourage you to become active members of the Magnet community. It’s going to be an amazing year.

Dr. Eldridge Powell

Director