Dear SFISD Community:

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Helen Keller

We extend a very special thank you to all of our SFISD family for the enormous shifts, and adjustments required to begin our 2020-2021 school year! While, it is certainly an unprecedented start to school, there have been many positive (and humorous) moments amidst the struggles and challenges, to provide the very best learning experiences for our students. The tireless hours of instructional preparation, ongoing adjustments to changes, and unwavering support from our staff reflects the true commitment of our SFISD employees for our students! You are all truly champions for our students and education and are greatly appreciated!

As we continue with our transitional plans prior to bringing all students back to our schools, we all need to continue to be flexible, patient, and forgiving of ourselves and others as we work together, move forward and do our best every day! It is really important to remember that we must take care of ourselves before we can take care of others, especially as we all navigate this new territory and changing environment in education.

All students, who elect to return to school on-campus will be transitioning back in groups, beginning Aug. 31st with all students, who choose, returning on Sept. 8th. Families are being asked to commit to a learning platform by Aug. 25th for the remainder of the first nine week grading period. By transitioning and introducing groups of students into the schools, we hope to adapt and refine safety protocols, while integrating virtual and on campus learning. Although, our safety protocols are in place to prevent illness and the virus from entering the schools; and mitigation strategies are designed to minimize the impact, we must all realize that we will likely have to respond to illness and are prepared to shift as needed. Please remember the key protocols of face coverings and social distancing in prevention of illness in children and adults.

As we begin this school year, we are especially reminded of the value and importance of caring and serving others in our profession. As with the start of every year, we in education are stewards and servants of children and the future of society. Every day we have the opportunity to make the world a better place for each other and every child in our care. Even in these difficult times, this week, our students and families have experienced our schools, teachers and staff foster a sense of belonging and community that will inspire high expectations in learning and outcomes for every student.

Thank you all so much for working so hard to make this a great start for so many, and for working as a team to do our very best to ensure a positive beginning to this school year.
for our children! We are grateful to you all for your contributions to our district and our children!

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