



PRESS RELEASE

La Feria ISD Commits to Increasing Dual Enrollment and Early College Opportunities for Students

The La Feria ISD Board of Trustees has decided that it is not enough to return or get back to pre-pandemic times. Instead, the Board and Administration are leading the district towards a vision that is bolder than ever. Like many school districts, La Feria ISD is confronting the challenge of “returning to normal” after the impact of the recent waves of the COVID-19 pandemic. Returning to in-person learning after well over a year of remote instruction, dealing with issues regarding facemasks and vaccines, serving students whose parents prefer that they remain at home, and isolating quarantined students are just some of the issues requiring additional attention and resources. Overall the biggest challenge, of is making up for learning loss. La Feria ISD is using a number of acceleration strategies including curriculum adjustments, extra assistance through in-person tutoring and on-line support, and increased summer school opportunities to set all students on the path to succeed.

La Feria ISD has a long history of academic excellence living up to the district’s motto, Expect→ Achieve→ Excel. The school district has long attracted students from neighboring communities who are looking for excellence in education provided in a small town. The district has provided a safe environment for all students while offering outstanding extracurricular programs in the areas of academics, fine arts, and athletics. The La Feria ISD Board of Trustees and Administration are not content to rest on that history, nor are they satisfied with merely addressing the learning gaps that were exacerbated by COVID. The district leadership lives by their vision, which not only includes a commitment to excellence, but also emphasizes the goal of empowering learners to become leaders that will positively impact the families, community, state, and the world.

To develop those leaders, the Board and Administration have set high expectations in committing district resources to increasing not only college hours and the number of certifications, but also providing opportunities for high school students to earn Associate Degrees. The district is working to transition to a formal Early College High School Program that will support large numbers of students in obtaining an Associate’s Degree at no cost to them and their families. As a result, more La Feria graduates will have the time and resources to pursue graduate and professional degrees and become self-sustained leaders for positive change in our community, Texas, and the nation.

On November 5, 2021, La Feria ISD Board approved a contract with Dr. Daniel P. King as an advisor to the Board and Administration to assist the district in achieving the goals set forth in the press release that will enrich the lives of each student.

“We are excited about the opportunities awaiting our students through these bold steps the Board approved and the Administration embraces!” said Lisa D. Montalvo, La Feria ISD School Board President.”



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