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AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

Last month, we celebrated the retirement of our Dallas County R&B 4 Superintendent, Mr. Gilbert Aguilar, along with Mr. Jose Zaragoza and Mr. Jose Lopez. All three retirees diligently served the residents of Dallas County for almost eleven years.

We also closed July with the promotion of Mr. Michael Gonzales as our new Superintendent and a farewell to our Senior Secretary, Ms. Kayla Benefield, who accepted an internship in South Korea.

Please join me in congratulating and thanking my team for their dedicated service and best wishes to all!



Welcome
BACK to
SCHOOL

Exciting news for Dallas County! Safety and health are our top priorities, and as Chair of the Facilities Maintenance Committee, I'm thrilled to announce the groundbreaking of our much needed Emergency Operations Center. This state-of-the-art, 37,000 sq. ft. facility, located at 1010 W. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas represents a \$40 million investment in our community's safety.

Equipped with cutting-edge communication systems, advanced data analytics tools, and modern infrastructure, this new center will enhance our emergency response capabilities, ensuring better coordination and faster response times. Construction is set to be completed in 24 months, just a mile from the DCHHS bio-lab that will be completed in 2025. Join us in celebrating this significant achievement for Dallas County!



Thank you to my Road & Bridge District 4 team for helping the City of Irving as 2024 Great Flag Caper planters for the Fourth of July festivities. I strongly commend you for your hard work and great disposition to help.





I want to give a warm welcome to our new Grand Prairie ISD Superintendent, Dr. Jorge L. Arredondo. He most recently served as officer of student affairs in Spring ISD and formerly as superintendent of Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD. Dr. Arredondo's extensive leadership experience also includes

classroom teacher, assistant principal, school principal and area superintendent. He is a passionate advocate for equity in education, having served in central office administration roles where he significantly advanced family and community engagement. His career is marked by a consistent focus on improving graduation rates and enhancing student learning outcomes. In a school district, whose population is almost 70% Latino, I am excited to know that our students and families will be well represented.

FELICIDADES Y BIENVIDO!!!

Congratulations to our Irving ISD Superintendent, Ms. Magda A. Hernandez, on the grand opening of the Magda A. Hernández Institute of Wellness and Professional Learning (MAHI). This institute is a one-of-a-kind facility featuring HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), PEACE (Parent Education & Community Involvement) wellness and professional learning spaces. The variety of functions leads to a flexible layout that emphasizes the nature preserve and a unique biophilic design focused on the wellness of the end user.



Grand Prairie is hosting a Homeownership Fair

Saturday, August 17 from 9am-2pm

Ruthe Jackson Center

3113 S. Carrier Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Learn about homeownership, home repairs, foreclosure prevention and more!



Food and activities for kids.

**Scan QR Code
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NATIONAL FINANCIAL AWARENESS DAY IS AUGUST 14

Around 24% of
Millennials have
basic financial
literacy.

Americans owe
over \$1 trillion
in credit card
debt.

Only 32% of
American
households have
a budget in place.

More than 40% of
Americans can't cover
a \$400 emergency.



Congratulations to BAPS North America!

Since its inception in 1974, BAPS North America has played a vital role in enriching the lives of countless individuals through its various initiatives, including educational programs, humanitarian efforts and cultural activities. The organization's commitment to promoting peace, harmony and social responsibility has made a significant impact not only within our community, but also across the nation.