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A TRINITY UNIVERSITY AND SAISD PARTNERSHIP

## Trinity University, SAISD establish new community partnership

On Sept. 23, members of Trinity University and SAISD's leadership team announced details of the "Trinity Community Investment" partnership. This initiative will make an education at Trinity accessible to top graduating seniors within SAISD by providing students the financial resources and academic support to navigate the higher education process. The partnership ultimately is designed to give students the opportunity to excel academically and contribute as leaders at Trinity and in the greater San Antonio community.

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### The new dual-credit course features primary sources such as the Boturini Codex, which explores the founding of the city of Tenochtitlan, now present-day Mexico City.

#### UTSA, SAISD partner for dual-credit Texas Mexican American Studies course

The University of Texas at San Antonio and San Antonio ISD have partnered to offer a dual-credit, Mexican-American studies and duallanguage course. As a result, 15 Brackenridge High School students are taking a college-level course about Latin Americans' historical and cultural contributions. A majority of the course is taught in Spanish and students who complete the course will earn three college-credit hours.

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#### Defining Personal Practice Goals for growth, development

San Antonio ISD recently launched a brand new practice for non-teaching personnel that will be incorporated into each employee's yearly appraisal starting this school year. The Professional Practice Goal (PPG) will be developed by employees, using reflections on prior evaluation results or current self-assessment of their professional practice.

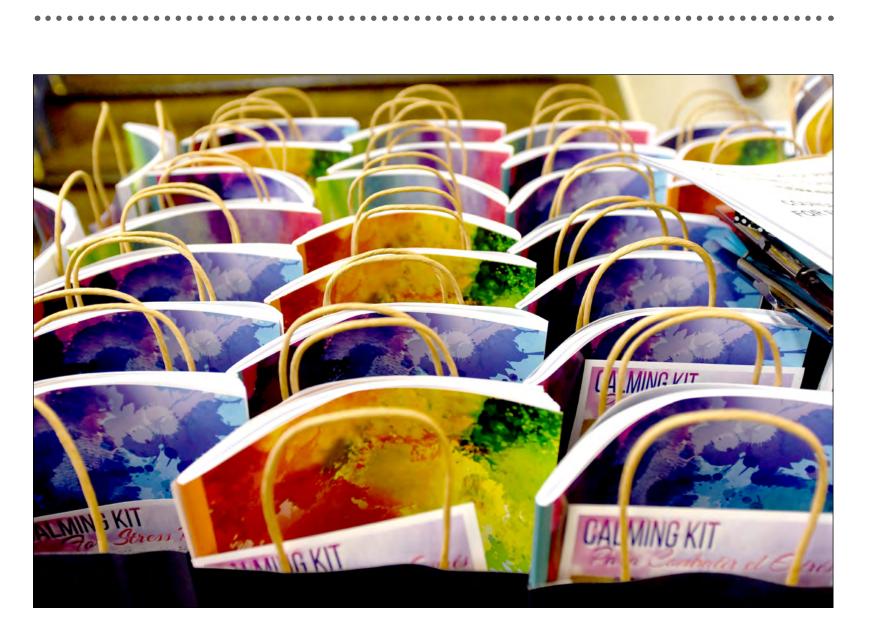
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**Edison High School credentialed as EMT campus** 

This fall, San Antonio ISD is implementing an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program at Edison High School. This new offering will be part of the Health Professions' First Responder Institute at Edison, which now offers EMT, fire fighting and law enforcement – all on one campus.

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#### **Bags of bliss for Travis ECHS students, staff**

The start of a new school year can be stressful. It can be particularly stressful when the school year begins during a pandemic. But Travis Early College High School counselors Jovita Ratnayeke and

Kamilah Antoine have come up with a unique way to help their students deal with the added stressors of the 2020-2021 school year by distributing "calming kits" to each Travis student, as well as staff members.

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#### **Tyson Foods recognizes Child Nutrition director**

Jenny Arredondo, director of Child Nutrition Services at San Antonio ISD, was recently featured by Tyson Foods for the department's outstanding service to SAISD families.

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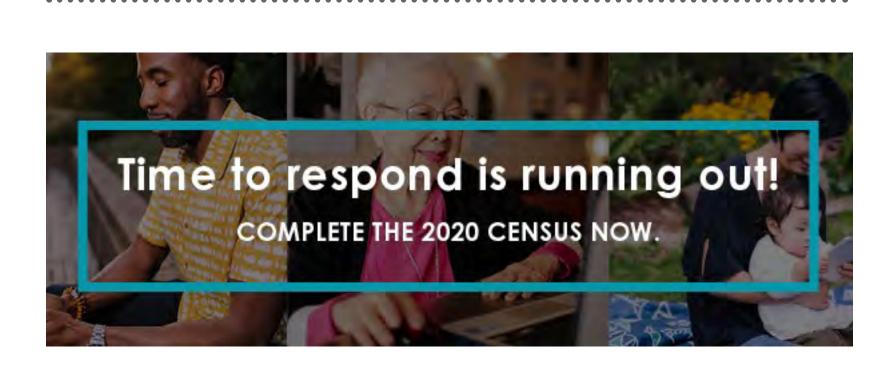
#### Bond 2020 on ballot in Nov. election

The SAISD Board of Trustees voted Aug. 17 to call for a \$1.3 billion bond election, with two separate propositions to appear on the Nov. 3, 2020 ballot for school renovations and technology. Taxpayers would not see a tax rate increase from the bond, based on District projections. The decision to move forward on the Nov. 3 elections followed recommendations from a community-based Blue Ribbon Task Force, as part of the District long-range facilities master plan. Click on the video above to learn more about Bond 2020 and see what SAISD schools would receive under the proposals.



#### **Connect with the SAISD community**

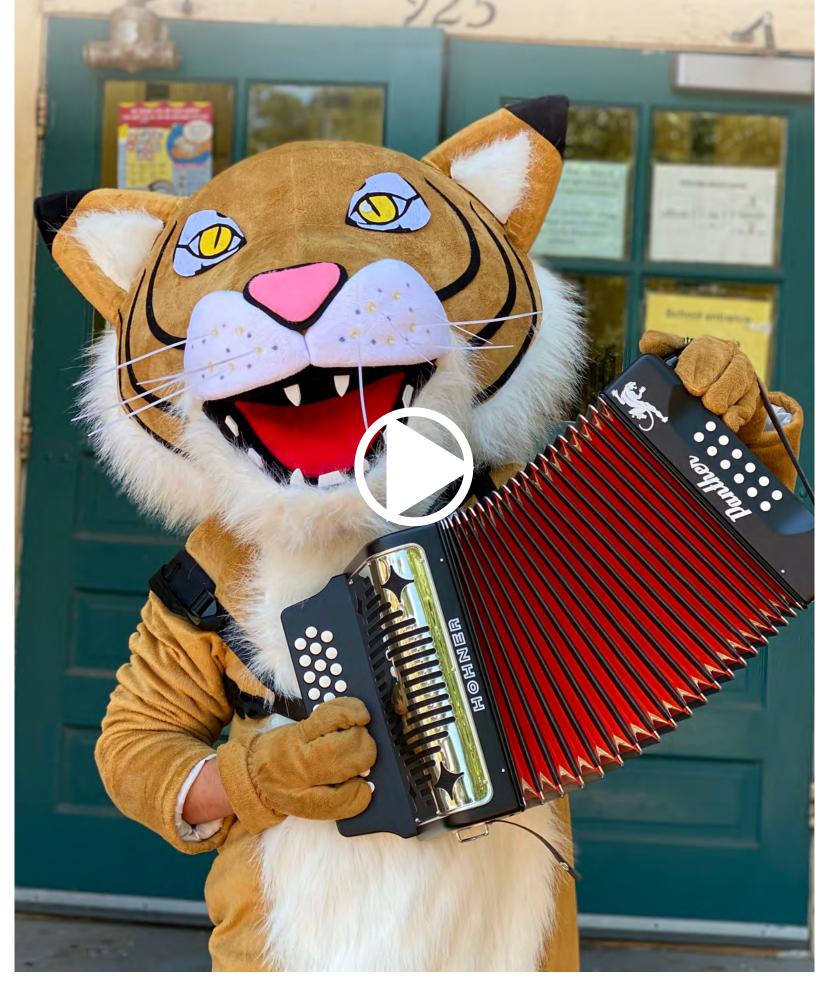
The SAISD Foundation recently launched SAISD Nation, an online community for alumni, supporters, and former employees of the San Antonio ISD. The organization is seeking input on the information and services participants would like from the SAISD Nation online platform. It only takes a few minutes to complete, and everyone's participation will help ensure members get exactly what they want from SAISD Nation. Take the short survey by clicking here.



## This week's closing shot

#### New Conjunto class at Bonham

Bonham Academy has announced the school will be hosting SAISD's first Conjunto class for middle school students. Conjunto refers to several types of small musical ensembles present in different Latin American musical traditions, mainly in Mexico and Cuba. Fine arts offerings in the District continue to grow, and at Bonham, the fine arts are used to reinforce the school's dual language pillar.





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