

# **RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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The week of October 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>

Wow! Let's talk good news.

There was one Covid-19 positive reported at the Elementary school with 7 other students being sent home. No other campuses reported any positives.

RHISD finished the week with 1614 students

Elem-603 Middle- 481 High-529

The overall attendance rate for the week was 89.64% We would like it to be in the mid 90's

RHISD received notification from the Musk Foundation that we received \$109,299 to be spent improving our district. We will be purchasing Items for the Elementary Coding lab and new furniture for the High School Library.

The District received \$506,000 in settle-up from the State instead of having to give back over a million as per previous years.

The 2021-2022 Perkins Reserve Grant was awarded to RHISD in the amount of \$287,500 to improve out CTE areas. We will be working on what we will be doing over the next couple of weeks.

We cannot officially announce anything about the 2021-2022 JET Grant at this time, but can tell you when we can announce it will be big.

We have gone online with the new hiring and onboarding platform (Frontline) and will streamline our HR department.

It looks like Monday we will go online with the new website. This website will have an App that you will be able to download, giving you the ability to download any of the extracurricular calendars and be able to have real-time schedule changes.

Monday we will do a trial of the U-Tube app that will allow up to broadcast our Board meetings live. We are going to test it Monday and hope to go full online in November. People will be able to watch the meeting at home. They will not be able to interact with the Board from home.

November 1<sup>st</sup> we plan on going live with our new Bus/Transportation App. ALL students will have an I.D. card and will scan their card to get on and off the bus. This will give parents real-time data as far as where their student is, and they will be able to plan when to go to the bus stop to get them. If you have an athlete and sign-up on the APP, you can be notified as the bus gets 20 miles from the school. In the future we will use the I.D. cards to check out books and scan for meals.

The Community Strategic Planning Committee met on Thursday and completed the Rio Hondo ISD Belief Statements. The Administrative team will take another look at our “Balance Score Card” to complete several items before bringing it to the Board.

E3 started replacing lights at the high school on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> and are working their way through to the other school. We will keep you updated as the bigger things start to get done.

Board meeting Monday night at 6:30pm

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