

Student and Parent Welcome Back for the 2018-19 School Year!

I hope you found some time to take advantage of the summer break as I welcome you back for the 2018-19 School Year! Our administrators and staff spent a lot of time this summer preparing for the challenges and opportunities of the new accountability system and a new culture of learning to more effectively address our curriculum and instruction needs.

These preparations include:

- A commitment by the District to the **TEKS Resource System** to insure fidelity to our curriculum requirements;
- A commitment by the District to calibrate how we are implementing instructional strategies by standardizing classroom walkthroughs (**CWT**) to provide us information on how well we are revealing quality instruction for all students;
- A commitment by the Principals and Superintendent in professional development to improve our **TPESS** (Texas Principals Evaluation and Support System) process;
- New scheduling opportunities to provide more effective time on task for courses;
- Focus on how to be more consistent and professional in our use of technology so that our school and personal use/communications reveal expectations for professionalism and consistency to educate and protect the students;
- Plus new levels of **Safety/Security** awareness/drills as we transition to new facilities (whenever we move there will be unanticipated details that we will have to be patient with and consider day to day)

Also, we have at least 10 new teachers/staff members joining us. As we welcome them I encourage all of us to look for the opportunities they bring to our district for a more creative and productive learning climate.

Please know that we are diligent in our efforts to make sure we do everything we can to provide a safe and secure learning environment surrounded by new construction. Expect different opportunities for drills on the campuses this year to make sure we are thinking about how to be safe.

Go Maidens and Go Indians!

I encourage you to view our website www.ganadoisd.org to access information that is already scheduled for this coming year. The event calendar is filling up fast. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school for a SUCCESSFUL 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR!

“Every student counts; every moment matters!”

Yours for quality education,

John Hardwick, Jr.