Greetings Donna ISD School District families and welcome to a new school year!

The new 2018-2019 school year is upon us and your children will soon be stepping onto school buses and walking through our school buildings.

Here at Donna ISD, we have been working hard to ensure that your sons and daughters arrive to school and back home safely, attend clean and well maintained facilities, receive nutritional meals, and most importantly attain the highest quality of education.

As your new superintendent, I am honored to serve the children and families of Donna ISD. I assure you that I will work very hard every day alongside our teachers and staff to achieve our overarching goal of improving academic achievement for ALL DISD students. We want to make sure they receive the education they need to be college, career, or military ready.

We can accomplish this by:

- Increasing the number of students who are reading at grade or above grade level
- Increasing the number of graduates demonstrating college/career/military readiness
- Increasing choices and opportunities for all our schools
- Increasing overall student participation and performance on college entrance exams, and
- Offering more advanced courses at our middle and high schools

Another way we can prepare students for academic success is through early childhood education. This year, we are proud to announce that the district is investing in a free, full day Pre-K Program at all our 14 elementary campuses. The skills students learn at this age has become even more critical as the state of Texas has renewed its priority on early literacy and accountability for all schools. We believe with early childhood learning, students will develop stronger reading, writing, math, English and listening and social/emotional skills. They, in turn, will be more likely to graduate from high school and continue with a post-secondary education than a child who does not enroll in pre-k.

We must make sure our students are challenged to their full potential. That is why it is important that we continue to look for other options, opportunities and choices for every student. Meeting these goals will require commitment from each and every one of us here at Donna ISD. I am confident that we can accomplish this with your support and partnership. Together, we can ensure every DISD student thrives in school and is prepared for the future.

Gearing Up for Change! We Win as a Team!

Sincerely,

Dr. Hafedh Azaiez
Superintendent of Schools