



**ORANGE GROVE
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dr. Eddie Hesseltine, Superintendent

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Dear Orange Grove ISD Staff, Parents, Students, and Community,

I want to personally share with you that I have accepted the opportunity to serve as the next Executive Director of Education Service Center Region 2. As a result, I will be stepping down as Superintendent of Orange Grove ISD. Serving Orange Grove ISD has been one of the greatest privileges of my career. I have been incredibly fortunate to work alongside outstanding teachers, staff members, administrators, students, parents, community members, and a Board of Trustees who truly care about this district.

When I look back on my time here, I will remember walking through our schools and seeing teachers doing whatever it takes to help a student succeed. I will remember watching our students compete, perform, learn, grow, and represent Orange Grove with pride. I will remember employees who stepped up when something needed to be done simply because it was the right thing to do for kids. That is what makes Orange Grove ISD special.

Over the years, we have worked hard to make this a district where people want to work, where parents want to send their children, and where students can be proud of the school they represent. I believe Orange Grove ISD is one of the most desirable school districts in our area, and I truly believe we are the Pride of the Coastal Bend. I could not be more proud of our students, our teachers, our staff, and everything Bulldog Nation represents.

While I am leaving the superintendent's office, I am not leaving Orange Grove behind. In my new role leading Education Service Center Region 2, I will continue working with and supporting Orange Grove ISD, just in a different capacity. That makes this transition especially meaningful to me because I will still have the opportunity to serve the schools, educators, and students of this region. Orange Grove ISD will always hold a special place in my heart. I will treasure the relationships, the memories, the challenges we overcame, and the successes we celebrated together.

Thank you for trusting me to serve your children and your schools. Thank you to our staff for the work you do every day. Thank you to our parents and community for continuing to support our district. Most of all, thank you to our students. You have always been the reason behind every decision we have made. I am proud of where we have been, proud of where we are today, and excited about where Orange Grove ISD is going next.

It has truly been an honor to serve as your Superintendent.

With gratitude,

Dr. Eddie Hesseltine
Superintendent of Schools
Orange Grove ISD

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