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Dear Bobcat Teachers,

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for the incredible investment you continue to make in the lives of your students. Truthfully, it's impossible to measure the expanse of positive ripples that you are creating for generations to come every time you positively touch the life of a student. These gifts are priceless and eternal, and I am grateful that you have chosen to partner with Rio Hondo ISD!

This year has been unlike any other. You have been faced with the unprecedented challenge of instructing your students virtually from your homes away from the familiar resources of your campus and the comfort of your classroom. Throughout this difficult time, I have observed all of you implement our instructional continuity plan with the most amazing grace, passion, and understanding. I have also been stunned by your creativity, inspiration, and resilience to draw your students in even closer to you though you have been separated from them. You have taken this opportunity to model for your students exactly what it means to build relationships, strengthen community ties, and persevere through times of crisis which are all life lessons that will last long after this pandemic is over and well after they graduate from our high school.

Facing extreme challenges with the high degree of professionalism and grace such you have demonstrated for our students and community has served to prove that we truly are *BETTER TOGETHER!!!*

Thank you for being a:

**B**elief that all students can and will succeed on your watch!

**O**utstanding professionalism and relentless pursuit of excellence!

**B**ountiful love for our students and your colleagues!

**C**ommitment to our community and school district!

**A**ttitude of gratitude, grace, and forgiveness!

**T**remendous work ethic and the value you personally add to all of us!

Thank you one million times over. Remember that the decisions that we make today will be felt by generations to come.

Yours in education,

Ismael Garcia  
Superintendent