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Greetings EPIC families,

I hope that you all had a restful summer and are recharged, and ready for the new school year. Welcome Eagles to the 2023-2024 school year at the EPIC Center, home of Alpha Academy, Rockdale Open Campus, and Rockdale Virtual Campus.

As I embark on my 26th year in education and 5th year as a principal, it is with a sense of excitement and anticipation that I begin my tenure as the director of the EPIC Center. I am eager to serve the community and look forward to working with our faculty and staff to provide our students with the best educational experiences possible to be critical thinkers, responsible citizens, and adequately prepared to be successful in their endeavors after high school. It is with that mindset that the motto for this year is "Every Student is a Success Story."

This year we will continue to focus our efforts on providing our students with opportunities to address academic deficiencies, to build numeracy and literacy skills, to make up missing credits, to be college or work force prepared, and to have the opportunity to participate in rigorous course content. We will continue to implement initiatives to promote teaching and learning, and to engage all stakeholders in the process of educating our students. We will commit to continuous improvement in all aspects of our organization and will use our collective skills, available resources, and expertise of our highly qualified faculty and staff to make a significant impact on the lives of our students.

I am excited about all that this new school year has to offer and look forward to working collectively as a family to achieve our objectives for this year. It is going to be an amazing year. Welcome back EPIC family.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eldridge Powell

Director