

Socorro ISD asks for community feedback

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EL PASO COUNTY – Socorro Independent School District (SISD) began its Stakeholder Experience Survey on May 11. The survey ends on May 22, 2026. SISD would like students, employees, families, and community members to provide feedback about their experiences across the district.

The survey is designed to help the district better understand what is working well and where improvement may be needed. Feedback will be used to identify strengths, highlight opportunities for improvement, and support district and campus planning efforts.

The survey includes separate question sets for elementary students, secondary students, employees, parents/guardians, and community members. Responses are anonymous and will be reviewed in summary form only.

“We want to hear directly from our students, staff, families, and community,” said SISD superintendent James Vasquez. “This feedback will help us better understand experiences across our schools and continue improving how we serve our students.”

Students in grades 3–12 will complete the survey at school on a designated day and class period within the survey window. Parents/guardians, employees, and community members may complete the survey online

during the survey window.

Parents who do not wish for their child to participate may contact their child’s school prior to the campus survey administration date.

Community members who live in the district, but do not currently have a student enrolled in the district are encouraged to participate in the community survey.

The survey takes approximately 5–8 minutes to complete and will be available on the district website during the survey window. Visit www.sisd.net/stakeholdersurvey for more information.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- An 1898 book predicted the Titanic’s sinking 14 years before it happened.

- During the 1904 Tour de France, Maurice Gerin jumped on a train and caught a ride between cities to get ahead of the other cyclists.

- Antarctica is the world’s largest desert, as it is a polar ice desert with very low precipitation.

- As a young, poor artist, Pablo Picasso once burned his own paintings to keep warm.

- The naked man orchid, aka the hanging man orchid, resembles – yes, you guessed it – a nude dude. Native to Mediterranean regions, it’s also classified as threatened, possibly due to its popularity as an antidiarrheal, antifatulent and aphrodisiac.

- Pretzels were originally created by monks around 610 A.D. to reward children for learning prayers, with their shape designed to resemble arms crossed in prayer.

- Snake wine, a traditional alcoholic beverage found in Vietnam, China and Southeast Asia, is created by infusing whole, often venomous, snakes in rice wine or grain alcohol for months. The high alcohol content denatures the venom, making it safe for consumption, though the drink is banned in some areas.

- In 2018, scientists at Caltech played a microscopic game of tic-tac-toe built from DNA.

- The dirt on Mars is made up of dust particles just 4% the width of a human hair and contains toxic metals and other harmful compounds that can cause hormonal imbalances and serious disease.

- Feeding pigeons in Venice, Italy, is prohibited to protect historical monuments.

Thought for the Day: “You build on failure. You use it as a stepping stone. Close the door on the past. You don’t try to forget the mistakes, but you don’t dwell on it. You don’t let it have any of your energy, or any of your time, or any of your space.”

– Johnny Cash

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENT 2026
HONORING OUR HEROES

EVENT HOURS
 FRIDAY, MAY 22: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 SATURDAY, MAY 23: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 SUNDAY, MAY 24: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY
 SATURDAY, MAY 23: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
 Honor and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

SCHOOL YOUTH LOOK!
 A DAY OF HISTORY, PRIDE & INSPIRATION!
 Explore interactive exhibits & artifacts
 Learn about the founding of our nation
 Hear the message of our heroes
 Be inspired to make a difference!

SCHOOL INVITATION WE INVITE SCHOOLS!
 Bring your students to experience history, honor our heroes, and explore the Freedom 250 mobile museum.
 Educational Experience Inspiring History Honoring Our Heroes
 CONTACT US TO SCHEDULE A GROUP VISIT!

FEATURE ATTRACTION
FREEDOM 250 TRUCK
 STEP INSIDE A MOBILE MUSEUM!
 The Freedom 250 initiative features a fleet of six 18-wheeler “Freedom Trucks” operating as mobile museums touring all 48 contiguous U.S. states in 2026 to celebrate America’s 250th anniversary.
 These interactive, state-of-the-art exhibits bring American history directly to communities, featuring digital ripplings of the Declaration of Independence, a hero wall, and immersive displays on the nation’s founding.
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San Elizario Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The San Elizario Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following SEISD Programs funded by Federal funds:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children
- Title I, Part C - Perkins V: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century
- Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III, Part A – English Language Acquisition (ELA) and Immigrant
- Title IV, Part A – Subpart 1 Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- Special Education Grant – IDEA-B Formula and IDEA-B Preschool

The meeting will be held:

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Administration Offices, Board Room. 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd. San Elizario, TX 79849.

SEISD does not discriminate against any individual with regard to race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, marital or veteran status, the presence of a medical condition, disability, or any other legally protected status. 42 U.S.C. 2000e-2(a); 20U.S.C. 1681: Labor Code 21-051.

San Elizario Independent School District AVISO PÚBLICO

La Junta Pública para Revisar los Programas de Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas, fondos federales:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Educación de niños migrantes
- Título I, Parte C – Perkins V: Fortalecimiento de las carreras y educación técnica para el siglo XXI
- Título II, Parte A – Apoyando la instrucción eficaz
- Título III, Parte A – Adquisición del idioma inglés (ELA) e inmigrante
- Título IV Parte A – Subparte 1 Apoyo estudiantil y enriquecimiento académico
- Beca de educación especial – IDEA-B formula y IDEA-B preescolar

La junta se llevará acabo:

Martes, 26 de mayo del 2026 a 9:00 a.m. en el salón de juntas en las oficinas de administración. 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd. San Elizario, TX 79849.

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Fabens

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mariachi has created for students and the Fabens community.

“As a teacher, creating a safe place for students is one of the most critical foundational pillars,” said Carrasco. “Students will not only flourish with confidence but will be motivated to chase their dreams while building the tools to successfully achieve them. In just four short years, these students have not only gained state titles, but celebrated their culture and roots, combated hatred, and paved a pathway for generations to come – all while building a positive and powerful source of community with the beautiful music of mariachi. I am so proud of my students and of our community. Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat. Puro Fabens, sí señor.”

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