



SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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SFDR CISD MOURNS THE LOSS OF MR. ANTONIO CARDENAS

The passing of one of Del Rio High School’s beloved teachers last week took everyone by surprise. San Felipe Independent School District and the Del Rio High School staff are saddened by the passing of one of their longest tenured staff members, Mr. Antonio Cardenas. Hired in 1975, Mr. Cardenas dedicated his entire professional career to helping students with special needs.

Teachers will remember “TC” as a supportive, kind-hearted hard-working professional, and a very dear friend. Even in his role as an assistant, Mr. Cardenas’s devoted many hours helping and supporting his students. Teachers fondly remember him as a person who always found a positive reflection at the end of every day - something that made him happy, no matter how difficult the day may have seemed. His motto was “Always work hard and never give up!” What a wonderful lesson to keep in mind!

He loved working with his students so much he never wanted to miss a day, an opportunity if he could help it, to help them learn. TC's students were heartbroken when they heard the news of his passing. They asked and wondered why he didn't Zoom with them when class time came around. TC's high school students refer to him as part of the family – like a “grandpa” as family-a grandpa. "He always makes me laugh", says one of his students. Another student wrote, "Gracias por ser un gran maestro y una gran persona" translated, “Thank you for being such a great teacher and great person.” Mr. Cardenas has left a cherished memory in all of the students he touched.

