

## SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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## SFDRCISD MOURNS THE LOSS OF DRHS PRINCIPAL/CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

With great sadness we share in the loss of one of our most beloved educators. Dr. Jose Perez was a man full of life and joy who loved his family and friends above all things. He was a devoted son, husband, father and wonderful brother to his siblings.

Beyond his strong dedication to family, he was committed to his students. He made a significant impact on the young men and women he taught, counseled, and led for decades across his different roles. His dedication and enthusiasm for helping every student reach their full potential was infectious, and his belief in SFDRCISD's mission was a model for all of us. He began his teaching career in August 1993, almost 28 years ago as a science teacher. His classroom experience led to various leadership and administrative roles throughout the District including assistant principal at Del Rio High School, elementary principal at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary and Ruben Chavira Elementary, and most recently as principal at Del Rio High School. He was truly an inspiring and exemplar leader who just this month, was eager to embark on his newest role as Chief Operations Officer.

He leaves behind an unfinished legacy of credible service to public education in the San Felipe Del Rio CISD. Our prayers are with his family, friends, and the many educators, students and parents whose lives he touched. We will miss him more than words can express.