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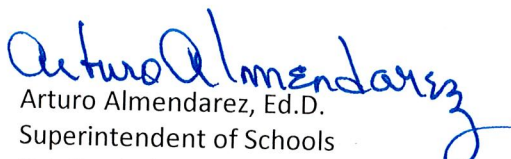
Dear Peter Zanon:

With the rise of COVID-19 in Texas, remote learning has become an essential part of Calallen ISD's academic offering. In response, Calallen ISD recently participated in Operation Connectivity through the Texas Education Agency. This program allowed the district to leverage pricing and funding provided by the state to purchase equipment that would facilitate the providing of internet access and devices to each student.

Calallen ISD's School Board made the decision on July 20, 2020 to become a 1-to-1 district, providing a Chromebook for every student in our district. Through Operation Connectivity, the district purchased the remaining 1,800 chromebooks to fulfill this initiative. Furthermore, the district purchased 500 hotspot devices to provide internet for students to access and maximize at-home learning during the upcoming school year.

We are respectfully requesting that City of Corpus Christi CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funding be used to help offset the cost of technology for our district. The Texas Education Agency has pledged to match city contributions to school districts on a first come, first served basis. Calallen has allocated \$257,450.00 towards the purchase of internet hotspots and chromebooks to be used by students. We respectfully request that the City of Corpus Christi utilize CRF grant monies to fund half of the amount. Calallen ISD is committed to providing the best educational environment for all of our students, and appreciates the support of your office in making this possible.

Sincerely,



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