



September 15, 2025

Dear Families of East Aurora,

Today we begin our celebration along with our entire community and the nation for Hispanic Heritage Month! This celebratory month from September 15 to October 15 recognizes pioneering leaders and cultural icons to everyday heroes who make a difference in their neighborhoods as well as Hispanic Americans who have played a central role in shaping the nation's identity and progress. Their impact is seen in every field – education, science, politics, business, the arts and public service.

Tomorrow we celebrate Mexican Independence Day, marking the 215th anniversary of "El Grito de Dolores" (Cry of Dolores) and Mexican revolt against Spanish rule. ¡Viva México! We also recognize this month the independence celebrations of many Latin American countries such as Costa Rica, Chile and Honduras.

In observance of Hispanic Heritage Month our school district recognizes and supports the amazing contributions of Latinos in our community and across the globe. Our students will have awesome classroom opportunities to learn more about Hispanic Americans' experiences, culture, and contributions that have shaped American history.

This is a time to celebrate, but also an opportunity to deepen our understanding, uplift diverse voices and foster a culture of inclusion and respect.

As we reflect on this month we invite all East Aurora 131 families to join our efforts and celebrate by learning more about the rich diversity within Hispanic cultures, listen to stories and experiences that shape Hispanic identities and honor the heritage, determination and pride of those who have paved the way and those who continue to do so today.

On behalf of our Board of Education and from all of us at East Aurora School District 131:

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Halverson
Superintendent of Schools