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Hidalgo County Judge Cortez welcomes Meteorologist Maggie, to help prepare children for weather and disaster events

EDINBURG – Recognizing the need to educate students on the importance of weather preparedness, Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez has arranged for a visit from none other than "Meteorologist Maggie" who will host two free public performances to help children gain the knowledge and understanding of how weather and disaster planning can help save lives.

According to a recent study by U.S. News, Texas is ranked number one as the most disaster-prone state in the country. In particular, Hidalgo County is susceptible to natural disasters such as hurricanes, winter storms, flooding, and even wildfires in the ranch areas.

"Weather is often a tricky concept for children to grasp," said Cortez. "Early meteorological knowledge can help children fully understand how the earth's weather works and stay safe by encouraging preparedness and understanding of rapidly changing conditions."

Judge Cortez will host educator and entertainer Margaret Clauder, who travels the state of Texas to inspire students to develop an understanding of "Weather Wonders."

The first performance will be at the McAllen Public Library, at 4001 N. 23rd Street, on February 16 at 6 p.m. The second will be at the City of Weslaco Public Library, at 525 S. Kansas Avenue, on February 17 at 6 p.m. Those interested in attending may register at Eventbrite. For the McAllen event, click [here](#). For the Weslaco event, click [here](#).

"Learning should be fun," said Cortez. "Clauder is a delightful ventriloquist who uses puppets to add excitement and provoke curiosity to the lesson at hand. Her style of teaching allows children to become less anxious and begin to understand fundamental weather elements as well as grasp the value of preparedness."

Every child in attendance will receive a free coloring booklet titled "Prepare with Pedro" which is provided by Ready.gov.

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Attachment: Flyers for performances with registration QR code

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