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Hidalgo County Judge Cortez partners with school districts to welcome Meteorologist Maggie, to help prepare students 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 attend several elementary schools to help children gain the knowledge and understanding of how weather and disaster planning can help save lives.

There will be two public performances as well. The first 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](#).

"Being prepared for severe weather and other related disasters is something we want to emphasize year-round," said Cortez. "Teaching our children the importance of staying prepared can have a positive effect on students and their families, as we all know children have the power to bring the message of preparedness home."

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." She will visit six different school districts in Hidalgo County, beginning with La Joya ISD on Wednesday, Feb 16. Other partnering districts include: Sharyland ISD; Mercedes ISD; Edinburg CISD; and PSJA ISD. The campuses were chosen because they serve students whose homes are in historical areas of concern for inclement weather.

"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."

Please see attachments for a full list of performances and upcoming school events.

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