



September 15, 2023

Dear Families of East Aurora,

Today we begin our celebration along with our entire community and the nation for Hispanic Heritage Month! This celebration from September 15 to October 15 is in honor of the history, culture, and influence representing 21 countries including Spain, Mexico, and regions of the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

Tomorrow we celebrate Mexican Independence Day, marking the 213<sup>th</sup> 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 for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Chile.

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.

We invite all East Aurora 131 families to join our efforts and celebrate Hispanic culture through supporting Hispanic-owned businesses, cooking or enjoying Hispanic foods, listening to music from different places in Latin America, or visiting in-person and online museums of Hispanic art and culture - as a few examples.

We want to invite all East Aurora children and families to our 1<sup>st</sup> Family Fall Festival; Celebrating Latino Culture & Heritage on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4pm-7pm at Blackberry Farm in Aurora. Please come celebrate with food, activities, music and fun for all ages!

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

**Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Norrell".

Dr. Jennifer Norrell, Superintendent  
East Aurora School District 131