

SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

Press Release - February 20, 2020

STATEMENT REGARDING FRAUD INVESTIGATION

Dear San Felipe Del Rio CISD Community,

The San Felipe Del Rio CISD was recently the target of a business email compromise scheme.

On February 18, 2020, the district learned that funds intended as payments to a bank for the district's debt service, were electronically transferred via ACH (Automatic Clearing House) to a fraudulent account instead of the proper account. Upon discovering this fraud, the district immediately contacted authorities, including the FBI, and began an internal review. Unfortunately, business email compromise schemes like this have become common with other organizations and school districts targeted across the State and nation.

Due to the ongoing law enforcement investigation, we are not able to provide additional details at this time. I want to assure our community that the San Felipe Del Rio CISD remains financially strong and is working to prevent future fraud schemes by reviewing our systems and putting additional safeguards in place.

We want to thank law enforcement and the investigators who are working diligently to track down the suspects behind this fraud. We will continue to work closely with authorities to bring justice to our community and recover the stolen funds.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carlos Rios Superintendent San Felipe Del Rio CISD