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### **An Open Letter to the AISD Community:**

As one of the last official acts of 1999, Austin School Trustees approved the appointment of Dr. Edward Fuentes to the newly created position of Deputy Superintendent for Bilingual Education and Human Resources Development. We are most fortunate to have Dr. Fuentes join our team. He will start with AISD on January 24th. Until then, Paul Turner will serve as acting Deputy Superintendent for Bilingual Education and Human Resources Development. I want to thank Paul for all his dedicated work as the acting Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Human Resources.

Mr. Larry Throm, Deputy Superintendent for Finance/Chief Financial Officer, started in his new position with the District on January 3rd. AISD is most fortunate to have Mr. Throm on our team as we start a very challenging budget cycle – in light of AISD entering Chapter 41 status next year, which requires the District to share tax revenues with the state.

AISD's leadership team is complete, and we can now accelerate our efforts to move the District forward.

On December 13, 1999, the Austin ISD Board of Trustees approved a new organization plan for the District. I believe this new structure will provide the support needed by our campuses.

The new structure evolves out of a number of changes that the Board and I have already made. We now have four deputy superintendents who oversee the following four divisions: (click on each job title to view job description)

- [Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development](#) – Darlene Westbrook
- [Accountability and Information Systems](#) – Dr. Joy McLarty
- [Bilingual Education and Human Resources Development, and](#) – Dr. Edward Fuentes
- [Finance/Chief Financial Officer](#) – Larry Throm

As AISD enters the second semester of what has already proven to be a fast-paced, productive year for our District, may I again thank you for your commitment to Austin's school children. I look forward to seeing you in this New Year.

Best Regards,  
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