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## **Odessa Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Teachers with Breakfast**

ODESSA, Texas— ECISD New Teachers will gather with area chamber members to kick off the new school year at the Chamber's ECISD New Teacher Welcome Breakfast on Thursday, Aug. 16 from 8 a.m. to 10:30 am at the Ector County Coliseum in building G. Presented by Chevron, this event is a great opportunity to build company brand awareness and a wonderful way to show appreciation to the individuals who will be teaching and caring for Odessa's future leaders.

"The Chamber is so appreciative to our educators," said Reneé Earls, President/CEO of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce. "For those who are new to Ector County ISD, the least we can do is welcome them with open arms and show our Odessa hospitality. This breakfast allows our members to highlight and offer their much-needed services. It also gives the community an opportunity to show our deepest appreciation for the incredible job our teachers do with Odessa's more than 32,000 students."

This year will mark the fifth annual New Teacher Welcome Breakfast and is expected to draw more than 350 new teachers to the coliseum. Teachers will have the opportunity to visit more than 50 Chamber businesses that are participating in the breakfast expo. Businesses in the expo range vastly from insurance companies, banks, religious organizations, medical services, and much more.

"The New Teacher Breakfast is truly an outstanding opportunity for the community and our new teachers to blend together and get to know one another," said Thomas Crowe, Superintendent of the Ector County ISD. "It is an opportunity for our new teachers to realize just how much our community appreciates them for coming to Odessa to make a positive and significant difference in the lives of the children and in the entire community."

Each teacher is given bags filled with 'swag' from participating businesses along with raffle items donated from various Chamber businesses.

"As a school district, we truly appreciate the Chamber for their efforts in this endeavor," said Crowe.

This event is sold out. Vendor set up for Chamber businesses that purchased a booth are Wednesday, August 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. and Thursday, August 16 at 7 a.m.

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