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The Honorable Richard F. Cortez
Office of the Hidalgo County Judge
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Edinburg, Texas 78539

Dear Judge Cortez:

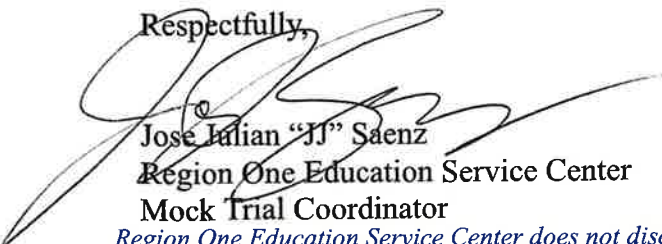
We are proud to announce that once again the Region One ESC Mock Trial Competition held in January 2021 was a Virtual success. This past year Region One ESC, with the COVID 19 situation, held the competition virtually via zoom. It was different and we had some obstacles but all in all the event persevered! As we are already making plans for the 2022 Regional Mock Trial Competition, we hope to continue this established relationship with the Hidalgo County Courthouse. For over 20 years, Region One ESC and Hidalgo County Courthouse have collaborated in hosting the Regional Mock Trial Competition, precursor to the state competition held each year in Dallas, Texas. The Texas High School Mock Trial Competition is a statewide extracurricular program whose primary purpose is to increase students' understanding of the judicial system by providing first-hand experience in court. The competition requires students to address legal issues, legal procedures, reasoning skills in a "real life" setting and critical, productive, and creative thinking. By participating in the competition, students prepare the role of witness and attorneys and employ legal strategies for the hypothetical case assigned to all teams. they gain an insider's view of the legal system and the opportunity to compete for scholarships.

Region One ESC respectfully requests the use of the Hidalgo County Courthouse for the day-long competition scheduled on Saturday January 29, 2022. We anticipate 26 teams in the competition. These 26 teams include returning participants and about 3 teams which will be participating for the first time in the Regional Mock Trial Competition.

Please have your office call to notify us who will be assigned this duty so we may begin communication with them prior to the event. I can be reached at (956) 984-6172.

Again, thank you for allowing us to continue to bring this competition to the Hidalgo County Courthouse each year!

Respectfully,


Jose Julian "JJ" Saenz
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