

# RGV LEAD 2022 Regional Conference

This event will be held virtually on zoom. The RGV LEAD conference is designed to equip educators with information and resources to help students prepare for success in postsecondary education and in the world of work. CPE hours will be available to participants.

**Thursday, January 20, 2022 - 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM**



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Ruben Cortez, Jr.**  
**State Board of Education, District 2**

Ruben was born and raised in Brownsville and was inspired by his mother, herself a trailblazing public servant, to dedicate his life to serving his community. A father of four children, Ruben has focused on making sure the public education system gives every child the love, attention, and opportunities they need to thrive and become the leaders of tomorrow. Ruben served on the Brownsville ISD Board of Trustees and was elected to the Texas State Board of Education in 2012, where he has advocated for the Rio Grande Valley and 5.4 million students across Texas. On the State Board of Education, Ruben worked to establish the first statewide course on Mexican-American studies, giving Texas students the opportunity to learn about the powerful influence of leaders like Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta. He has ensured South Texas has a voice when it comes to school curriculum and textbooks and has worked to protect the rights of students, parents, and educators. Ruben has advocated for doing away with high-stakes tests and worked to provide South Texas schools with extra resources and medical services during the pandemic. Ruben is currently running to represent Cameron and Willacy Counties in the Texas Legislature in House District 37.

**Register Online to Participate:**

<https://tinyurl.com/RGVLEADConference>

## Conference Schedule at a Glance:

8:30 AM – Opening (Keynote Presentation)	11 AM – Breakout Session Two
9:30 AM – Breakout Session One	12 PM – Closing Session
10:30 AM – Awards Ceremony	

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