

FRANKLIN

Independent School District

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

I want to start by welcoming you to a new school year in the Franklin Independent School District. We look forward to another successful year.

As we reflect back on the 2017-2018 school year, it is easy to see that the hard work of our staff, students, parents and community contributed to the success of our district. Our results on the year's annual state assessment (STAAR) were among the highest rankings in the state. In addition to achievement on this assessment, we also measure our success through the experiences of our staff, parents, guardians and students along with community involvement, academic and co-curricular programs and student organizations. Franklin ISD has a longstanding tradition of excellence and carrying on this tradition is one of our top priorities.

As we move into the 2018-2019 school year, I want you to know that the safety of students and staff in our schools is also a top priority for our district. FISD considers our school buildings among the safest places in our community, and the district takes many measures to reduce the possibility of an incident that could harm students or staff.

This summer we developed a school safety committee made up of parents, staff, administration, community members, counselors and first responders. They are charged with the responsibility of considering ways we might improve our current preventive measures as well as putting additional methods in place to ensure the highest level of safety for our students and staff. One of our current preventive measures against threats to our schools includes regularly scheduled safety trainings for an emergency crisis through the Standard Response Protocol. This protocol is a safe school recipe that includes a uniform classroom response to an incident at school. Weather events, fires, accidents, intruders and other threats to student safety are scenarios for which school and district administration and staff plan and train. Look for more detailed information on the Standard Response Protocol included with this letter.

Additionally, the school district has strengthened our relationship with county and city law enforcement officials to increase their presence on our campuses as well as at school events. They will be a vital part of continually evaluating our safety protocols across every campus throughout the school year.

Further, it is important to recognize that everyone plays a critical role in school safety. Students, staff and the community are encouraged to be observant and share information of anything that makes them feel uncomfortable, nervous or frightened -- especially if it concerns threats of dangerous behavior. If you ever have any doubt concerning safety in our schools, contact the school administration or law enforcement immediately.

In conclusion, please be assured that FISD operates daily with safety as a top priority for everyone who sets foot on our campuses and into our buildings. We anticipate a safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,

Timothy B. Lowry
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