

PARTNERS IN COMMUNICATION

JANUARY 18, 2018

Weather and Health

Tuesday, January 16 began with notifying all students and staff that we would have noon dismissal due to freezing weather forecasts.

Wednesday, January 17 weather presented another challenge. Staff reported at 10 a.m. and students arrived at 10:30 a.m.

The health and safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance. When school hours are adjusted and absences increase, we all need to look at how we make up the instructional activities and time. If staff members and students are ill, they should call in sick, stay home, and seek medical attention if necessary. Often the basics of rest and drinking water may help make recovery easier. Our nurse reminds us to cover coughs and wash our hands often.

Flu symptoms can be similar to those of a cold, although they tend to be more severe. Symptoms can include:

- dry, hacking cough
- moderate-to-high fever (although not everyone with the flu will run a fever)
- sore throat
- shaking chills
- severe muscle or body aches
- headache
- stuffy and runny nose

profound fatigue (may last up to two weeks)
Info from: wikiillnesssymptoms.com/Signs_of/Influenza

TEA has awarded the highest designations: Financial—SUPERIOR Campus accountability WES: MET STANDARD WJH/HS: MET STANDARD District: MET STANDARD

Summary of Board Meeting January 15, 2018

The Board of Trustees were honored by students and staff showing appreciation for the Board's dedication to the school district. Statewide, January is board appreciation month.

The board heard reports on the following:

- Texas Department of Agriculture cafeteria inspection.
- District transportation focusing on use and age of vehicles.
- Update on Hurricane Harvey Donations. The district recently received a check from the San Antonio Police Officers Association in the amount of \$6,822.24.
- Principal's reports which included attendance information.
- Public Hearing on the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) , 2016-17.
- STAAR writing project., grades 4 & 7.
- Facilities.
- School finances.

Superintendent Sykora's Goals

1. Follow procedures that will complete building repairs as needed to return district facilities to pre-Hurricane Harvey status or better.
2. Plan and present a balanced budget to the Board of Trustees by August 24, 2018.
3. Improve district communication by writing and posting a monthly staff newsletter called Partners in Communication.

—Approved by Board of Trustees
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Board Meeting Action Items, January 15, 2018

The WISD Board of Trustees approved of the following items:

1. Approved a request for Facilities Usage from **June 9-16, 2018**. The Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Houston will use our cafeteria/kitchen, FEMA Dome, Jr. High Gym, one medium sized classroom and outdoor spaces. They will fund and repair a variety of homes and businesses damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Their “advance team” has already begun to meet with community leaders to determine work projects. The students and their sponsors will arrive June 10 and work through June 14. Friday is their FUNDAY where they will enjoy a day of fun off campus. They depart on June 16.
2. Approved the Response To Intervention Handbook. By using these methods and procedures, academic gaps should be closed and more students succeed.
3. Approved District Dyslexia Plan. “**Dyslexia** means a disorder of constitutional origin manifested by a difficulty in learning to read, write, or spell despite conventional instruction, adequate intelligence, and socio-cultural opportunity.” From Texas Education Code 38.003 and WISD Dyslexia Handbook, page 3.
4. Approved the Superintendent’s goals. (See above.)

If you need further clarification, please contact Mrs. Sykora.

Quote of the Week from Lee Iacocca:

In times of great stress or adversity, it's always best to keep busy, to plow your anger and your energy into something positive.

Read more:

[http://www.searchquotes.com/quotation/In times of great stress or adversity%2C it%27s always best to keep busy%2C to plow your anger and your en/18716/#ixzz54Y1Bwnix](http://www.searchquotes.com/quotation/In+times+of+great+stress+or+adversity%2C+it%27s+always+best+to+keep+busy%2C+to+plow+your+anger+and+your+en/18716/#ixzz54Y1Bwnix)

