



Bays' Broadcast

From Superintendent Sherri L. Bays, Ed.D.

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."

– Booker T. Washington

At a Glance...

2017-18 Year End Enrollment: 3,937

Student Enrollment

FISD: 4,027
FHS: 1,254
FMS: 927
FNE: 851
FSE: 995

Average Daily Attendance

FISD: 95.41
FHS: 94.78
FMS: 95.99
FNE: 96.23
FSE: 94.63

Days of Instruction Completed: 57

Remaining: 118

2017 Tax Rate

\$1.040	M & O
\$0.405	I & S
\$1.445	Total

November 12, 2018

Good morning FISD! I hope you stayed warm and dry this past weekend. It seemed early, but I lit a fire in the fireplace for the first time this season. It was a good reason to curl up with a great book!

I hope you were able to thank at least one of our United States military personnel for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. The 14th Annual FISD Veteran’s Day celebration last Friday was a huge success and much appreciated by all who attended. It is the reason I chose the quote by Booker T. Washington. When you see and hear how much that ceremony means to our veterans and their families, it does truly “lift you up”. I was so proud of our FMS and FHS students. They welcomed and visited with veterans and their families at the breakfast, led the entire ceremony and as usual the Mighty Tiger Band and the FHS AFJROTC both did amazing jobs. If you were not able to attend, you can watch it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7Y8ux4a5t8>

With the 2018 Mid-Term elections behind us, I thought you might like to read this Raise your Hand Texas article which was published in the Texas Tribune this past Thursday. It speaks to the fact that there were a “significant number of new legislators elected who made it clear on the campaign trail that their top priority is ensuring all 5.4 million Texas students have what they need to be successful in school and beyond”.

<https://www.tribtalk.org/2018/11/08/there-was-a-wave-and-it-was-pro-public-education/>

After five meetings, the dedicated members of the Design Teams finished up their contributions to the Strategic Planning Process last Thursday. I am excited to share their work, but it is still in draft form until the Strategic Planning Committee presents it to the FISD Board of Trustees for approval. It has been so encouraging to hear these groups of parents, community members, students and staff members discuss how FISD can best ensure our students are prepared for life after graduation.

This school year is quickly passing us by, and it isn’t just us old folks who are noticing it. One of our FHS students was working the cash register at HEB and told me he couldn’t believe it was already the end of the first grading period in the 2nd 9 weeks! AND Thanksgiving is just around corner.

Thanks for working so hard to take good care of and build relationships with our students, and with each other too. We all have the power to lift someone else up by being kind. Have a great week!

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