



Bays' Broadcast

From Superintendent Sherri L. Bays, Ed.D.

"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean."

– Ryunosuke Satoro

At a Glance...

2017-18 Year End Enrollment: 3,937

Current Student Enrollment

FISD: 4,037
FHS: 1,228
FMS: 926
FNE: 867
FSE: 980
DAEP: 35
JJAEP: 3

Average Daily Attendance

FISD: 93.35
FHS: 93.73
FMS: 95.85
FNE: 93.03
FSE: 90.79

Days of Instruction Completed: 118 Remaining: 55

2017-2018 Accountability Rating "B"

Total Number of Employees

697

2019 Tax Rate

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

March 4, 2019

Good morning! I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to Spring and ready for this roller-coaster weather to be over!

I want to give a shout out to the Human Resource and Operations Departments and Central Office staff who organized the Cowboy Breakfast. It was great seeing everyone. A special thanks to the Maintenance, Custodial and Food Service staff who helped to set up and clean up, and to our cooks who showed up at 5AM. We could not have honored our staff in this way if it had not been for your help.

The 86th legislative session opened with lawmakers vowing to fix property taxes and public school finance, and it's our job as voters and taxpayers to ensure that they are sticking to their promises. This 4 minute TASB [video](#) clearly explains in more detail what they believe are the top five issues facing Texas public schools this session:

1. Update school funding formulas.
2. Simplify and improve the overly complicated school funding system.
3. Provide tax relief to property owners.
4. Be transparent about where all education funding goes.
5. Limit the redundant charter school system.

Please consider joining me in letting our lawmakers know that Texans are standing by our public schools by sending a letter today using the form on [this page](#). Feel free to share this link with family and friends as well.

FISD Leadership is also letting Legislators know they are standing up for public schools. They traveled to Austin last Tuesday to attend the TASA/TASB Legislative Conference to advocate for FISD staff and students. I, along with Board President Penny Smith, Secretary Rachel Pena, and member Ryan Bippert spent the morning hearing from Legislators on recently proposed bills. In the afternoon we met with Representative Kuempel and staffers from Representative Diego Bernal and Senator Larry Taylor's offices to share how these bills would impact Floresville ISD. Topics discussed ranged from the need for increased funding in public schools, staffing challenges and concern over unfunded mandates, the need to reduce the number of TEKS, the use of IMA monies, and support for Safety and Security, Dual Language and Pre-K. We know that every voice and vote count and will continue to advocate not just for FISD, but for the 5.1 million students in Texas Public Schools.

I am also proud that FISD Athletics took a few minutes at the Jack Randall Relays on Saturday to recognize Leroy Nitschmann for over 30 years of support to our Tigers and Jaguars by volunteering to assist coaches in so many ways. FISD is fortunate to have people like Leroy, who cares so deeply for our teachers and athletes. He is a great example of character and serving community. As one of our Core Beliefs states, education is a shared responsibility throughout our community.

I am looking forward to visiting campuses today and tomorrow to visit with staff and students as we work to make FISD the best it can be through Grand Rounding. Have a great week and stay warm!

SLB