



# Bays' Broadcast

From Superintendent Sherri L. Bays, Ed.D.

*"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." – Babe Ruth*

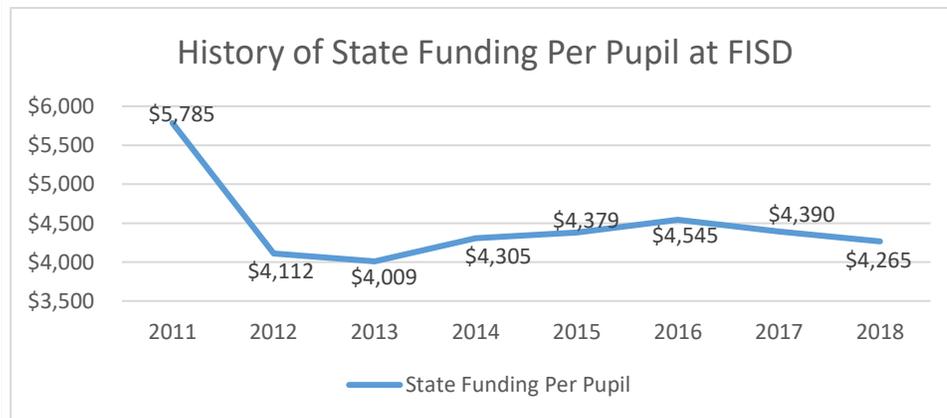
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I don't know what I enjoyed more about announcing Teacher of the Year at each campus last Friday, seeing the teacher's face or the students' reactions when we made the announcement. After asking one student if he could believe his teacher had been voted Teacher of the Year, he told me, "Yes I can, she's the best!" Isn't that awesome! Congratulations to the FISD Teachers' of the Year:

Jorge Medina	Floresville Alternative
Tom Weber	Floresville Middle School
Jedidiah Barnes	Floresville High School
Brandi Brown	Floresville South Elementary
Sarah Rethaber	Floresville North Elementary

Last week when I was visiting the Alternative Campus I had an opportunity to speak to a parent from another district. She was quick to share with me that as she has visited our community she has noticed that we have great kids here at Floresville ISD, specifically mentioning how polite they are. One of our core beliefs is that education is a shared responsibility throughout the community, and developing good character is a great example of just that. We are making a difference as we model and positively reinforce the behavior we want to see in our students. Practice kindness, amazing things will happen!

As I have previously shared with you, back in 2009, the public school system in Texas was equally funded at the local and state level. However, since then as property values have increased, the state has reduced their contributions and in 2019 it is projected that the state will only fund 32% of public education, leaving our local tax payers to fund the other 68%. Yes FISD's budget has grown slightly over the years, as has our enrollment. But the fact is that FISD received \$1,613 per student less in 2018 than we did in 2011.



I hope this [video](#) serves as a reminder of the importance of public schools. It's time to stand up, to raise your voice, and advocate for our future. Because the future of Texas is in our public schools. Thank you for all you do to prepare our FISD students for a prosperous life.

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## At a Glance...

**2017-18 Year End Enrollment:** 3,937

### Current Student Enrollment

FISD: 4,031  
 FHS: 1,230  
 FMS: 921  
 FNE: 862  
 FSE: 980

### Average Daily Attendance

FISD: 93.83  
 FHS: 93.06  
 FMS: 96.09  
 FNE: 94.01  
 FSE: 92.17

### Days of Instruction Completed: 108

Remaining: 65

### 2017-2018

**Accountability Rating**  
 "B"

### Total Number of Employees

697

### 2019 Tax Rate

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