



Bays' Broadcast

From Superintendent Sherri L. Bays, Ed.D.

At a Glance...

"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."

– Mother Teresa

2017-18 Year End Enrollment: 3,937

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I have found that in our Floresville community, in moments of devastating loss, those suffering are comforted by the generosity and kindness of others. In the last two week's there have been some incredible examples of FISD students and staff living one of our core beliefs... "that helping one another strengthens our community". Two families of students and one of our staff members lost their homes in fires. The outpouring of support from our FISD Family in the form of food, clothing, shelter and monetary assistance is wonderful. It's one of the many reasons I am proud to be a part of the FISD Family, as we work to contribute to the greater good. If you would like to contribute in anyway, please contact FISD Social Worker Ben Reed at 393-5300.

Legislative Update

The direction has been set for the 86th Texas Legislative Session with property tax and public education finance reform taking center stage. **Raise Your Hand Texas** recently released the results of a poll that they commissioned to determine Texan's perspectives and expectations of our legislators. The survey reveals Texans strongly believe our students and teachers need more support, and that our state leaders bear the greatest responsibility for strengthening our public schools. If you want to see the results of the full **Raise Your Hand Texas** poll, just go to www.raiseyourhandtexas.org.

Texas public schools are funded through a formula that includes several allotments and adjustments calculated by the state. One of those adjustments is a Cost of Education Index (CEI) that was developed in 1990. **The CEI assigned each school district was based primarily on the size of the district, the teacher salaries in surrounding districts and the percentage of low income students in the district in 1989-90.** Notice that the CEI is calculated individually for each school district. Since 1991, Floresville ISD's CEI generates an additional 8% of the Basic Allotment, while other districts may generate up to an additional 20%. This is an example of how Texas Public schools are not equitably funded. Not to mention that our district's enrollment, teacher salaries and demographics have changed drastically over the last 29 years. I don't know about you, but I can't think of anything today that still costs the same as it did in 1990. This is one example of how Texas public school funding is not adequate.

Texas public schools are the foundation of our democracy! We are the profession that prepares all other professions, literally developing the leaders of tomorrow, yet we are not adequately or equitably funded. As public educators, we need to stay alert and stay engaged for the next 108 days. As the session wears on, the opinions of the Texans polled may play more and more on the decisions that are made in Austin. With your participation, this legislative session can be the **public education session!!**

Thanks for a great week! Enjoy your weekend!!

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Current Student Enrollment

FISD: 3,988
FHS: 1,229
FMS: 921
FNE: 858
FSE: 980

Average Daily Attendance

FISD: 93.38
FHS: 93.93
FMS: 91.97
FNE: 93.64
FSE: 93.99

Days of Instruction Completed: 103
Remaining: 70

2017-2018 Accountability Rating "B"

Total Number of Employees

697

2019 Tax Rate

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