

Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

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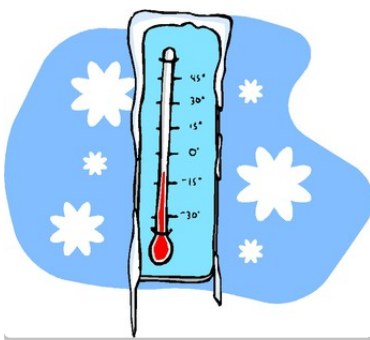
Another Historical Event

Wow! What a week!

I hope each of you are working to get your households up and running. We still have a few challenges ahead but glad to see the sun shining, temperatures on the rise and the worse behind us.

FEBRUARY 25 REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The agenda for the February 25 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be posted Monday morning, February 22. The packet will be uploaded and emailed to you no later than Tuesday morning. Thank you for your understanding.



FREEZE WARNING FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

...FREEZE WARNING FOR SOUTH TEXAS TONIGHT...

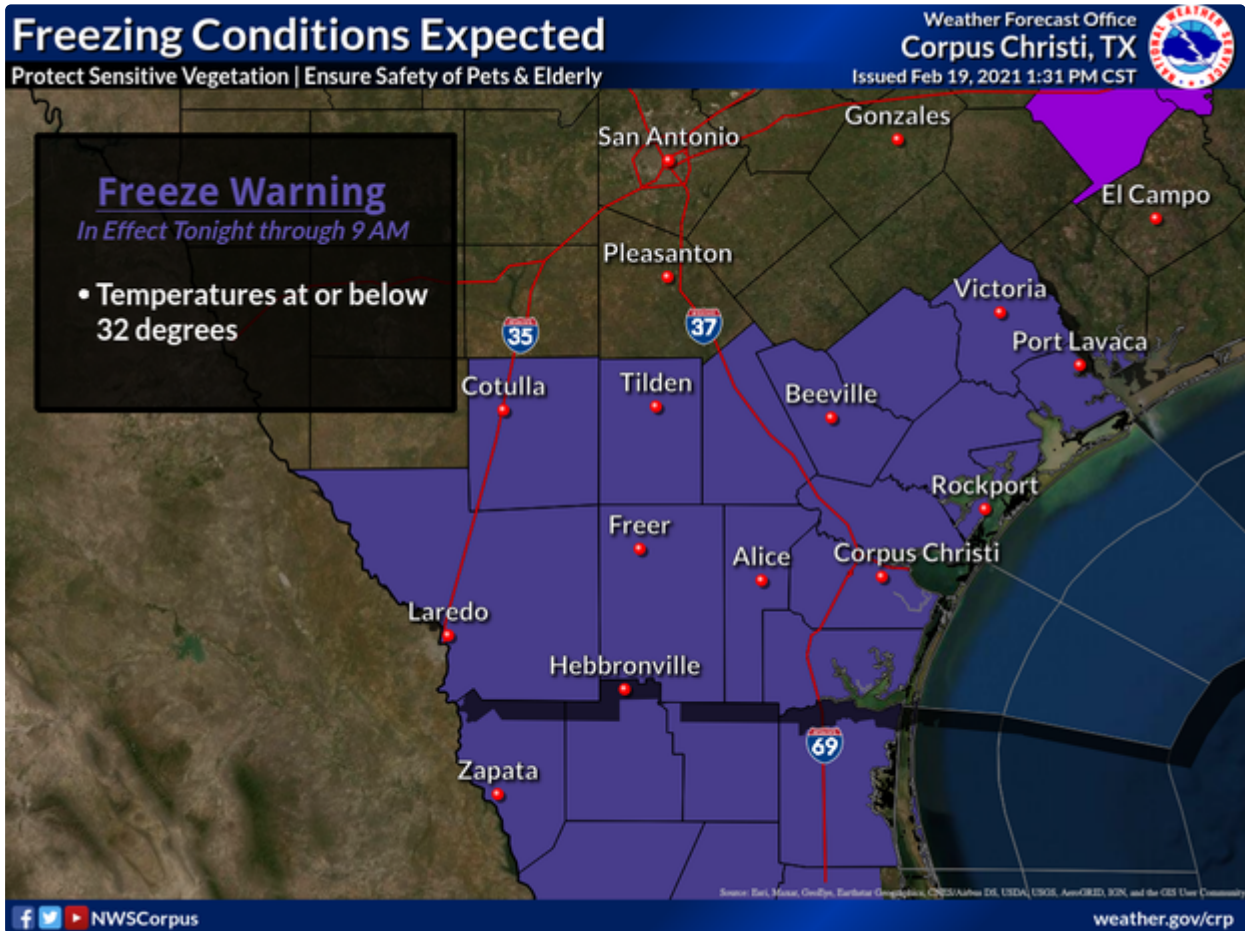
Timing and Overview:

Light winds and clear skies will allow temperatures to drop to 32 degrees or below. Interior portions of South Texas are expected to drop to mid 20s. The islands should remain above freezing with lows in the low to mid 30s.

South Texas Impacts:

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- Freezing Temperatures will have a significant impact on sensitive plants and pets. Elderly persons or your children could suffer hypothermia if exposed to a long duration of extremely cold temperatures. Exposed water pipes could break.



FACILITIES UPDATE AFTER “THE BIG FREEZE”

Don Youngberg and his crew assessed the district and provided us with this update:

All classrooms have been walked and all refrigerators have been cleaned out, below is a list of issues that we will be addressing.

- 1) Busted water line at the old SDGC -shut it off at the street and we will make the repair Monday.
- 2) The line for the well pump at the Natatorium cracked, this feeds the irrigation only-shut off the pump and will make the repair next week.
- 3) Central kitchen had a broken line that feeds an ice machine and sink-making the repair today.
- 4) New outside ECC playground restroom has a drinking fountain leak. - we shut it off and will turn it back on Monday morning.
- 5) Tennis Field House has an outside drinking fountain that was leaking-shut off the drinking fountain and will repair next week.
- 6) Baseball/Softball public restrooms and concession has a busted pipe-letting it dry out so we can look into it next week. They still having working restrooms in their field house.
- 7) Varsity Stadium has a couple leaks at the concessions also- water has been shut off and we will investigate this one Monday.
- 8) High School classroom had a roof leak-cleaned up the water and replaced ceiling tiles.
- 9) Central Plant water line feeding the towers has some major breaks that will not allow us to use any of the towers which means no chillers-due to the substantial amount and size of the busted pipes. Pro-Tech will start making the repairs immediately. It is anticipated we will be back up in operation for Monday. We will be alternating a few employees to be around while the repairs are being made. Boilers are working, so buildings are heated.



- 10) We also shut off and or covered all drinking fountains due to the current water boil. If it is released we will get them all back on first thing Monday.
- 11) All ice machines are also not to be used until the boil is over and we get them all cleaned out.
- 12) We will not be able to cap the broken line at the old SDGC building until Monday when the water dries up. There will not be a restroom available for the morning session of the covid testing. We have to get under the building and it is flooded with very cold water right now.

Overall we are in really good shape and classrooms are warm and ready to be filled with students and staff. I could not of asked for a better team to help get us through yet another crazy event.

BUSES/TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

The transportation department came in Friday morning to check on buses and to prepare for Monday morning. It was reported that only a few buses needed a new battery. We are ready to roll out on Monday.



WATER BOIL - PLANS FOR MONDAY

The City of Corpus Christi is currently in a Water Boil Advisory. If this continues Monday, Central Kitchen will boil water first thing Monday morning. Athletics has 10 Water Stations/COWS that will be ready to deliver to Central Kitchen. Those Water Stations will be filled and sent to each campus for students to fill water bottles.

CITY WATER DISTRIBUTION

Mayor Guajardo met with Superintendents of Corpus Christi schools and informed them of a City Wide Water Distribution Event to occur Friday, February 19 from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. The closest distribution for our area will be held at the Ethel Eyerly Senior Center (654 Graham Rd.).



INCLEMENT WEATHER - MISSED SCHOOL DAYS

Below is a breakdown of how this week's missed school days will impact students.

Monday, Feb. 15 - Late last week when I knew we would have inclement weather, I made the decision to make Monday, February 15, a remote learning/asynchronous day for students. Electrical outages that began late Sunday and early Monday prevented some students from submitting work online. Campus administrators and teachers will work with students to get their work submitted next week once classes resume.

Tuesday, Feb. 16 – School cancelled as a weather day. Weather conditions were not improving and electrical outages continued at district facilities as well as impacting students and employees homes. The Official School Calendar has one built in weather day for students and one weather make-up day for staff.

February 17-19 – TEA provided school districts the opportunity to submit a waiver for up to three days due to the impacts of the weather. We are moving forward with the waiver.

I will provide updates on how this week impacts students and staff, once I have additional information.

COMMUNITY PARTNER - COASTAL BEND FOOD BANK

We have reached out to the Coastal Bend Food Bank to develop a partnership with the organization to become a distribution site. Although we are unable to provide this service immediately, we are moving forward with the process and looking to have a distribution opportunity around the Spring Break timeframe.

Once we become setup with appropriate paperwork and the distribution setup in place, the Food Bank is hoping to have us on the schedule in March. The distributions can be for 250 households or 500 households. The District would need to provide 15 – 25 volunteers depending on the distribution size.

Once setup, we will be able to be a food distribution site to quickly address immediate needs. This will help with any future community-wide impacts and provide immediate food insecurities for our community and student families.



COVID-19 UPDATE

VACCINES FOR TEACHERS

Despite this week's weather event, we are continuing to work with Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi to provide vaccinations to our school district employees who meet the criteria of Phase 1A or 1B of the vaccine distribution. The next clinic is expected to be held on Saturday, February 27. This week we sent contact information to the County of school district employees who meet the criteria and are wanting the COVID-19 vaccination. The City Emergency Management team will contact those employees to register them for the upcoming clinic. Although the weather has delayed clinics, we are still working closely with our city and county leaders to continue this work.

COVID-19 Online Tracker

The Online Tracker is updated each day as new cases are received and students/staff recover from COVID-19. To review the COVID-19 Online Tracker and Re-Opening Plan, click the link below...

<https://fbank.bendfoodbank.org/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[Click here](#) to keep up-to-date on progress of all House and Senate Bills and other legislative activity.



FBISD Calendar of Events

Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, Feb. 25th, 6pm

Where

FBISD Board Room



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