

# Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

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Goodbye, Summer! Hello, Fall! We are so **excited** to start the 2021-2022 school year!

On Monday, July 26, we will begin our regular schedule, and the Administration and Campus Offices will be operating Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We will also welcome our campus and district administrative staff by hosting an Administrators' Retreat (See information below) at the High School Teaching Theatre!

The district and campus administrators and respective teams are finalizing the last-minute details to welcome our Hornet Scholars in our school buildings! Hope to see you at our Sneak Peeks/Meet the Teachers events scheduled for the next few days (see schedule below)!

**Be Safe & Strong! Be committed! Bee a Hornet!**

## UPCOMING FBISD ADMINISTRATORS' RETREAT

The district will host the FBISD Administrators' Retreat Monday, July 26 - Wednesday, July 28. Mrs. Cynthia Bayuk-Bishop, MyChoice2Lead, will be leading our district administrators through three days of training on servant leadership. The training aligns with our strategic plan and is specific to *Building a Servant Leadership Culture for Sustainable Learning Success*. The training will be held at the High School Teaching Theatre.

### Schedule of Events:

#### Monday, July 26

Self-Knowledge and the Roots of Servant Leadership  
Communicating Our Message as a Servant Leader

#### Tuesday, July 27

Listening Like a Servant Leader  
Leading Like a Servant Leader

#### Wednesday, July 28

Confronting Like a Servant Leader (Part I)

## HORNET HIGHLIGHT - DR. NIKOL YOUNGBERG

Dr. Nikol Youngberg has been named the Interim Principal of Flour Bluff Primary. She will be leading both the Flour Bluff Primary and Flour Bluff Elementary campuses with the assistance of the assistant principals that serve at the two campuses.

"I am a school principal, a role that I do not take lightly," said Dr. Nikol Youngberg. "I understand the importance of building student-centered campuses. I have a strong belief in leading with the heart and doing what is right for kids. I know that my passion and love for the students, staff, and families of Flour Bluff Elementary and Flour Bluff Primary will enable me to lead BOTH campuses."



Dr. Youngberg is looking forward to an exceptional year leading the two campuses with the support of an amazing administrative team, teachers, and support staff that excel at all they do.

## TOGETHER WE CAN...

This year's theme for the academic school year is 'Together We Can'. We'll utilize the theme as we kick off the new school year when all employees return from summer break. We look forward to a new year where we are all back together to ensure the academic success of our Hornets. Together, we can accomplish...anything.

*Together We Can...*  
**FLOUR BLUFF** ISD

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## STUDENT REGISTRATION

We are continuing to communicate with families regarding online registration for the new school year. To assist families who may not have access to the internet or a device to complete the online registration, the District will host a Registration Assistance Day on Friday, July 30, from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Flour Bluff High School Cafeteria. The district will send out communication regarding the Registration Assistance Day to families on Monday, July 26.

### **Immunization Clinic**

The District will host an Immunization Clinic on Friday, July 30, from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Flour Bluff High School Teaching Theatre. Nueces County Commissioner Brent Chesney sponsors this annual event. The Clinic will have providers on hand to provide immunizations and physicals for students to be prepared for the start of the new school year.

## **OPERATIONS & SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**

### **Update on Maintenance Tax Notes**

#### **Projects**

- Bids came in for the Varsity Gym entrance on 7/20/21, and we will be going to the Board with our recommendation on 7/29/21.
- RFQ is out for new Architectural services for many of the Maintenance Tax Note projects, such as the Stadium repairs and JH and Primary re-roof.
- Smaller projects like the HS boiler, Auditorium lighting upgrade, and fencing are in the scheduling phase.

#### **Other Maintenance Items of concern**

- The chilled water line break at Central Plant is complete.
- Varsity gym chilled water line re-route is due to be wrapped up by 7/23/21, so we can get it back online.

## **STUDENT SERVICES UPDATE**

Things are moving at FBISD! Many items need to be in place to help our students succeed when they arrive back at school on August 10th. Meetings are being scheduled to begin/continue conversations about our student's needs for the 2021-2022 school year. This includes meetings with the counselors, nurses, and the Language Proficiency Committee (LPAC). These meetings are scheduled every 4-6 weeks. In September, the first School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) meeting will be held. On top of the meetings, documentation is being reviewed, and conversations begin with parents to determine homelessness and foster care status for some of our students. This process is ongoing and will continue until the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

#### **Grants**

The anticipated date for the submittal of the ESSER III Grant is July 24th. The Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan, which are requirements for this grant, will be posted on the Flour Bluff ISD website before the end of July. Other grants that the district will submit to the Texas Education Agency in the next few weeks include the Carl Perkins Grant (for CTE) and the ESSER II Grant. The district is exploring the Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports Grant or (TCLAS) to determine if and when to submit this grant.

## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE COASTAL BEND TEEN CENTER SET TO OPEN FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend (BGCCB) will start offering



the Center are ready, and furniture will be arriving soon. The BGCCB requested the district consider naming the teen program in honor of Dr. David Freeman. Superintendent Soliz-Garcia approved the request without hesitation. The district is excited to expand the great programs the BGCCB offers our Hornets!

Thank you, BGCCB, for seeing Dr. David Freeman's and FBISD Board of Trustees' vision for expanding the program for our teens! The district will send registration and program information to parents in the coming weeks. The district will be sending invitations to our Board, parents, and students to the upcoming official ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the implementation of the FBISD Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend - Dr. David Freeman Teen Program!

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE - OFFICE 365 FOR FLOUR BLUFF ISD STUDENTS

Flour Bluff ISD provides Office 365 for students with their network account. This includes students in the Elementary, Intermediate, Junior High, and High School campuses. Our Information Technology Team has been hard at work optimizing student accounts. With Microsoft 365, students have the opportunity to become more familiar with what 80% of fortune 500 companies already use in their business. Here are some of the benefits of using Office 365:

- As with most Software as a Service (SaaS) solutions, Microsoft Office 365 is a cloud-hosted service which means you can access your data anytime, anywhere, and from any device. Instead of relying on a flash drive or other storage device, you have greater control of when and how you interact with your files. If you have an internet connection, you can connect to Office 365 and your files. The benefit for our students is they can write papers in the classroom or at home on whatever device they have available and at any time.
- With Flour Bluff ISD, students get 1 TB of cloud file storage in OneDrive.
- Cloud storage is a more "environmentally friendly" way of sharing digital documents.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Body cameras have been ordered for Police Officers.





## CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION UPDATE

All 30 teachers that participated in the Texas Reading Academy this year were 100% complete as of 10 p.m. last night (7/21)! We are so proud of this accomplishment for our district. By the end of the 2022-2023 school year, all K-3 teachers must complete this rigorous training. In total, they achieve 60 hours of professional development for this course. We have 38 teachers scheduled to participate this school year and 34 teachers in 2022-2023.

The ECC and Primary campuses wrote curricula for respective campuses from Tuesday, July 20, through Thursday, July 22. All teachers met in the Elementary/Primary library and wrote the curriculum, and the curriculum supervisors and Dr. Youngberg guide them. They were also able to talk to their grade level teams and align across grade levels during this time. We are excited about the documents they are creating and believe they will strengthen our instruction.



## FINANCE UPDATE

- Prepared Request for Qualification for Architectural Consulting Services
- Continued 2021-2022 budget process
- Started gathering and analyzing district procedures and policies for the creation of a Purchasing Manual

## HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

- Updated Administrative Guidelines- Employee Compensation Plan

- Created Employee Exit Form and Questionnaire
- Created Personnel Request Form
- Reviewed Staffing Study
- Created FBISD Staffing Guidelines/Staffing Ratios
- Updated the Skyward Employment Management Plan for 2021-2022

## ATHLETIC HAPPENINGS

Athletics has provided plenty of opportunities for our students to work out and build up strength and endurance for their respective sports all summer. Our Hornets have taken advantage of every opportunity! We are so proud of their dedication and commitment to excel!

### Current & Upcoming Athletic Events

Strengthening & Conditioning and Structure Workouts – Currently taking place

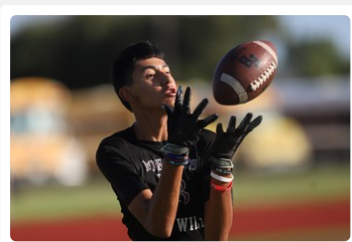
Cross Country Practice – Currently taking Place

Tennis Tryouts – Week of July 26th

Volleyball Tryouts – Beginning week of August 2nd

Two-a-Days: Freshmen – August 2nd; JV/Varsity - August 9th

1st Volleyball Game of the Season – August 10th



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Special Session is continuing. Several of the items are education-related and include:

- Family Violence Prevention
- Youth Sports
- Thirteenth Check for TRS Retirees
- Critical Race Theory
- Appropriations

### Legislative Update

Senate Bill (SB) 1697 amends state law to allow parents and guardians to elect a student to repeat a grade or retake a high school course. See the video link below for more details.

Many new bills will affect how we handle student discipline. Here are a few that will impact our student code of conduct:



- Senate Bill (SB) 248 expands the definition of e-cigarette under Texas Health and Safety Code 161.081 to include a consumable liquid solution or other material aerosolized or vaporized during an e-cigarette or other device, as defined by law.
- SB 530 expands the offense of harassment under Texas Penal Code 42.07 to include publishing on a website, including a social media platform, repeated electronic communications that are reasonably likely to cause emotional distress, abuse, or torment to another person, unless the communications are made in connection with a matter of public concern, as defined by law.
- SB 768 creates a new penalty group under the Texas Controlled Substances Act of fentanyl and related substances.

House Bill 4545 was recently passed in the 87th Regular Legislative Session. The new statute is effective, as of June 16, 2021, with accelerated instruction practices required during the 2021- 2022 school year for all students, based on results from Spring 2021. [Click on this link for more information.](#)

**HB 4545** establishes new requirements for accelerated instruction for students who do not pass the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®). At a high level, the legislation includes:

- Elimination of grade retention and retesting requirements in grades 5 and 8
- For any student who does not pass the STAAR test in grade 3, 5, or 8 in math or reading, a new LEA requirement to establish an accelerated learning committee to develop an individual educational plan for the student and monitor progress
- For any student who does not pass the STAAR test in grades 3–8 or STAAR (EOC) end-of-course assessments, clarification of prior accelerated instruction requirements, specifying that it must include either:
  1. Being assigned a classroom teacher who is a certified master, exemplary, or recognized teacher or
  2. Receiving supplemental instruction (tutoring) before or after school, or embedded in the school day

Click on the link below to see the FBISD HB 4545 Plan [Flour Bluff ISD House Bill 4545 Planning Document](#).

The administration will provide any additional updates on the Special Session via future Board Buzz editions.

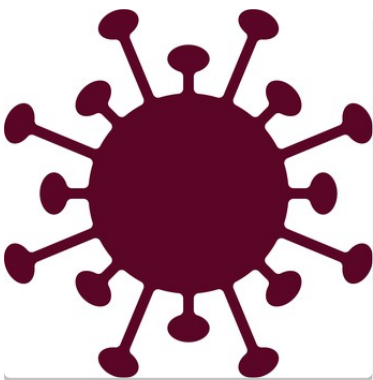
## SB 1697: Parent Options for Grade/Course Retention



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## COVID-19 UPDATE AND 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://flourbluffschoools.net/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>

Staff members and students continue to follow all protocols for COVID-19 at the campus and district facilities; because of this, we continue to see minimal cases of COVID-19. At this time, we have no reported positive cases.

During the 2021 Summer School period, there were no COVID-19 cases reported to the Nueces County Health Department or the Texas Education Agency. A Summer School Report is included in the July school board packet.

### COVID PROTOCOLS FOR 2021-2022

The Student and Staff COVID-19 Safety Protocols were reviewed for the 2021-2022 school year by the COVID-19 Task Force. They reviewed the document and made suggestions for several updates. Next, the COVID-19 Safety Protocols Committee, including staff members, parents, and community members, will review the document for their input. The document should be on the Flour Bluff ISD website the first week of August.



# HIGH SCHOOL PAINTING AND PIZZA PARTY

Flour Bluff High School is hosting a poster painting, pizza party for our students and their families to paint spirit and club posters. We want to line the walls of the high school with FB spirit and pride. You're invited to attend!

## **FBHS Painting & Pizza Party**

Tuesday, July 27

3 - 7 p.m.

FBHS Cafeteria



## NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Flour Bluff ISD New Teacher Orientation & Back-to-School PD Calendar of Events						
	August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 9
<b>AM 8:30-11:30</b>	New Teacher Orientation	Professional Development Day	Teacher Planning Day	Professional Development Day	Teacher Planning Day	Teacher Preparation Day
<b>ECC</b>	Who: All Teachers NEW to FBISD  Where: Flour Bluff High School Teaching Theater  Agenda	Convocation 7:30-10:00am	ELAR RGR- Countdown		mClass Training???	
<b>Primary</b>			1st & 2nd Grade ELAR TEKS Workshop	RGR- Blast 1st Grade	RGR-HD Word 2nd Grade	
<b>Elementary</b>			ELAR Full Circle Training	ELAR Full Circle Training	RGR-HD Word 3rd Grade	
<b>Intermediate</b>			ELAR Full Circle Training	ELAR Full Circle Training	Meet the Teacher 8-12pm	
<b>Jr. High</b>			ELAR Full Circle Training	ELAR Full Circle Training	Meet the Teacher/Check out the campus 9-12pm	
<b>High School</b>						
<b>PM 1:00-4:00</b>	New Teacher Orientation	Professional Development Day	Teacher Planning Day	Professional Development Day	Teacher Planning Day	Teacher Preparation Day
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<b>Elementary</b>			ELAR Full Circle Training	ELAR Full Circle Training	RGR-HD Word 3rd Grade	
<b>Intermediate</b>		DMAC & Skyward Training	ELAR Full Circle Training	ELAR Full Circle Training	Curriculum Planning	
<b>Jr. High</b>		DMAC Training for Teachers: Online Assessments and Student Achievement Data & TTESS Training	ELAR Full Circle Training	ELAR Full Circle Training	Department PLC :Curriculum Writing	
<b>High School</b>						

# Sneak Peeks/ Meet the Teacher & Check Out the Campus



**FB Flour Bluff Elementary Sneak Peek**  
Tuesday, July 27  
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**FB Flour Bluff Primary Sneak Peek**  
Wednesday, July 28  
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**FB Flour Bluff Intermediate Sneak Peek**  
Thursday, July 29  
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**FB Flour Bluff ECC Sneak Peek**  
Monday, August 2  
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**FB Flour Bluff Intermediate Meet the Teacher**  
Friday, August 6  
8 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Noon)

**FB Flour Bluff Junior High Meet the Teacher/Check Out the Campus**  
Friday, August 6  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Noon)

**FB Flour Bluff High School Check Out the Campus**  
Friday, August 6  
9 a.m.- 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**FB Fish Fest (Orientation for Incoming 9th Graders & Students New to the High School)**  
Friday, August 6  
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**FB ECC, Primary and Elementary Meet the Teacher**  
Monday, August 9  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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## FBISD Calendar of Events

### Special Board Meeting

When

Monday, July 26th, 5:30pm

Where

Flour Bluff Independent School District, TX, USA TX

### Special Board Meeting

When

Tuesday, July 27th, 5:30pm

Where

Flour Bluff Independent School District, TX, USA TX

### Regular Board Meeting

When

Thursday, July 29th, 6pm

Where

Flour Bluff Independent School District, TX, USA TX

More information

Administration Building Board Room



# Convocation

When

Tuesday, Aug. 3rd, 8-10am

Where

FBHS Auditorium

More information

Districtwide Convocation for all employees as they return back to school will be held on Tuesday, August 3, the first day back for all teachers.

Breakfast - 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. (FBHS Cafeteria)

Convocation - 8:15 - 10 a.m. (FBHS Auditorium)



## CONTACT INFO

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