

# Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

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My hope is that you each have taken time to enjoy this beautiful weather! If you've been too busy and have not, I hope to see you at our football game tonight in Victoria or at our FIRST events highlighting our 6th grade Intramural programs Saturday morning! Enjoy reading this week's edition of the Board Buzz! Have a great weekend!

***Be safe & strong! Be committed! Bee a HORNET!***

## SB 15 DISCUSSIONS

FBISD is discussing the possibility of opening a Remote Learning Program for students in first through sixth grade beginning in the second semester. TEA has provided a ['To The Administrator Addressed Correspondence'](#) and a ['Frequently Asked Questions'](#) document to districts, but more guidance will be provided throughout the months of October and November on this matter. FBISD administrators have developed a working plan and will continue to have discussions about the possibility of a Remote Learning Program. If FBISD decided to move forward, Remote Learning would be provided via a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction, similar to last school year. The state allows the number of students receiving remote instruction to be 10% of all enrolled students. However, the FBISD campuses that offer remote instruction will be capped at a much lower percentage. 1st through 4th grade would have no more than 22 students and 5th through 6th grade would have no more than 30 students. This includes both students participating in Remote Conferencing and students enrolled in the FBISD Remote Learning Program. The Remote Learning Program would expire at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

## SUPERINTENDENT SOLIZ-GARCIA MEETS WITH JH STUDENT AMBASSADORS

This week Superintendent Soliz-Garcia held the first meeting of the 2021-22 school year with the Superintendent's FB Junior High Ambassador's Leadership Committee. The beautiful fall weather called for an outdoor meeting which the students enjoyed. The ambassadors presented Superintendent Soliz-Garcia with a beautiful gift and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the committee.

The following agenda items were discussed with the Ambassador Leadership Committees (FBHS & FBJH) the past two weeks:

### Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- FBISD Vision, Mission & Goals/Hornets Points of Pride
- FBISD Strategic Planning Scorecard
- Campus/Departments Cascading Scorecards
- Leadership Team Initiatives for 2021-22
- COVID19 Protocols – District Website
- FBISD Town Square – Phase I - Design and Feedback from Stakeholders

Next Meeting is set for Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

### Discussions/Other Items

Both committees were very excited to see the plans for our Hornet Town Square and had great ideas for events and the overall design. We look forward to a ribbon cutting event in the near future!



## SUPERINTENDENT'S/STAFF & TEACHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Superintendent Soliz-Garcia and members of the Flour Bluff Staff & Faculty Advisory Committees met this week for their first meeting of the 2021-2022 school year. Staff and faculty reviewed the following agenda items:

### Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Celebrations
- Vision/Mission/Goals
- COVID19 Protocols - Review Webpage; Current Case Numbers; Discussion: Setting Closure Percentages and Procedures for future
- Strategic Plan Scorecard/Cascading Scorecards
- FBISD Town Square
- FBISD Wellness Program - Flu Shot was 1st Event - More to come!
- UPDATE FBISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION - Superintendent Soliz-Garcia, CFO Ludi Cansino and Executive Director of Communications Kim Sneed met with community member Monette Bright on the next steps to revitalize an education foundation organization in FBISD. Education foundations are governed by a board of directors and are typically independent of the school district they serve. However, they are aligned with the vision and mission of the school system and serve as a partner to develop public and private support. A board of directors will need to be established to begin the process of developing by-laws and applying for tax-exempt status.



Monette Bright and Kim Sneed are working together to reach out to community members to serve on the board. If you know of someone who may be interested in serving, please send contact information to Monette at [monettebright24@gmail.com](mailto:monettebright24@gmail.com).

- Employee Assistance Program - Aetna: 6 visits for Stress, Mental Health, & Emotional Support/Assistance; Phone, tele-video, or in-person; Employees, dependents, and household members; 24/7 helpline
- Next Meeting - November 15
- Discussions/Other Items



## EMPLOYEE WELLNESS HOSTS FLU SHOT/COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

Approximately 120 FBISD employees took part in the annual Flu Shot Clinic. This year, our partners, H-E-B also provided the opportunity for employees to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.



The Flu Shot Clinic is an opportunity for employees to pick-up literature on wellness, healthy recipes, goodies and grab a healthy snack.

## FLOUR BLUFF WALMART DELIVERS SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thank you to the Flour Bluff Walmart who delivered school supplies. The crayons, pencils, notebooks, glue, and backpacks are a great help to our campuses. We appreciate you thinking of Flour Bluff ISD.



## DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' MEETING RECAP

Assistant Principals met at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 23. It is always great to meet with these hardworking and dedicated educators. The goal of the meeting is to give the assistant principals the information and tools they need to be successful in their demanding role. We started the session, as we always do, with the District's mission and goals.

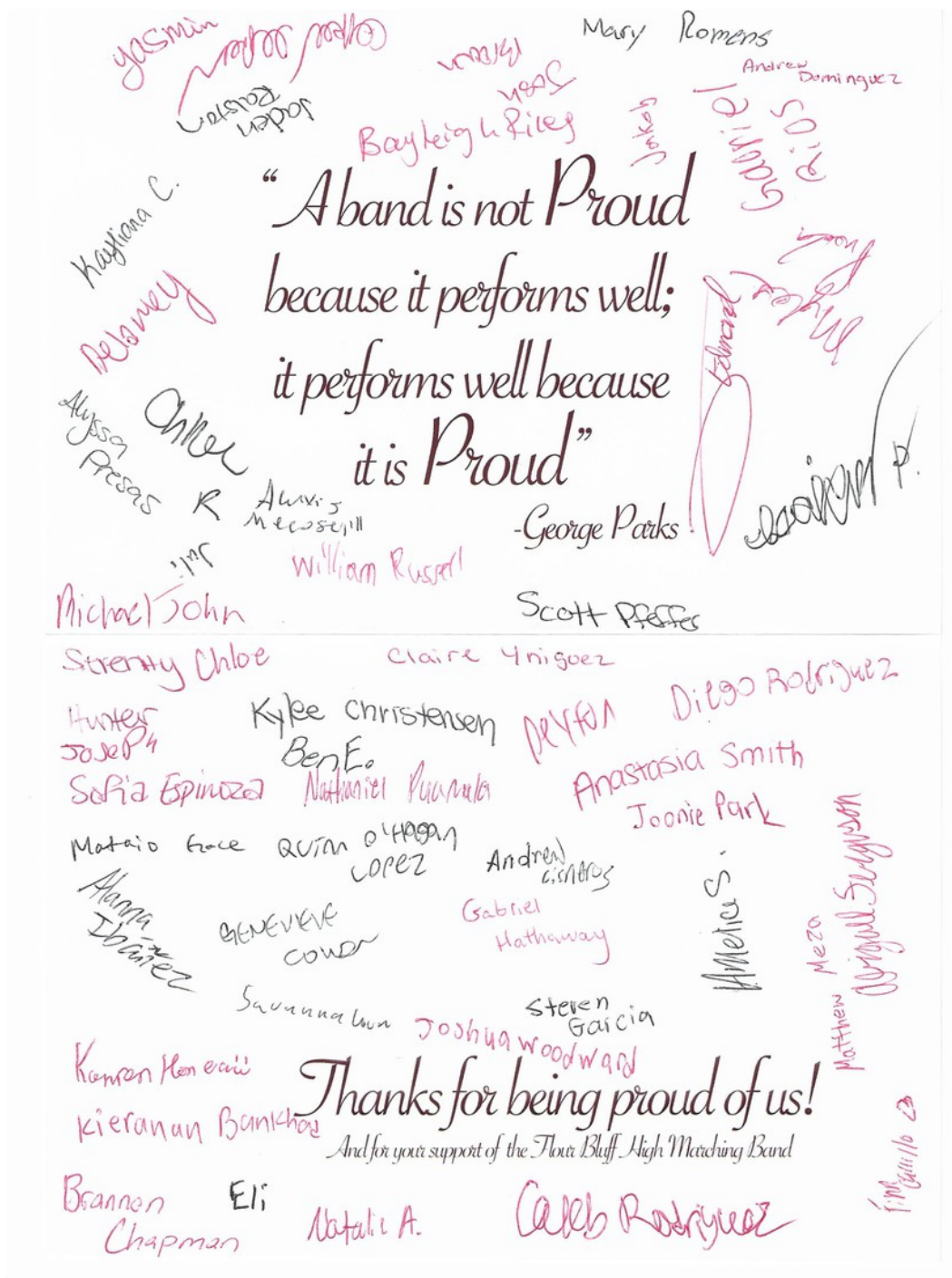
Dr. Barganski came by and gave a quick update on the District's 504 program, followed by Nicole White, who talked about changes in the Dyslexia program. We went over the District's attendance numbers for the first six weeks and talked about ways to support our attendance goals. For the balance of the meeting, we discussed discipline matters, including due process for students recommended for placement in SDGC.

A SPECIAL 'THANK YOU' FROM FBHS BAND






*Thank You!*



## STAFF WEATHER MAKE-UP DAY - HURRICANE NICHOLAS

In February 2021, the Board of Trustees signed a resolution regarding wage payments during emergency school closings. The resolution allows the District to continue wage payments to employees during a closure. Therefore, the District will enact the resolution and utilize one day for the emergency school district closure on September 13 due to Hurricane Nicholas. All full-time and part-time, permanent staff will be paid for the day and are not expected to make up the workday. The District continues to have a staff weather make-up day built into the 2021-2022 official school calendar (Friday, May 27, 2022) that can still be used if we have a district closure in the future.

## AETNA RESOURCES FOR LIVING EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



FBISD employees can now take advantage of the Aetna Resources for Living | Employee Assistance Program. The program offers employees various emotional support and daily life assistance resources for **FREE**. As part of the program, employees can reach out to an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Counselor for extra support or help with a significant crisis or life-changing event. There are a variety of ways employees can reach out for assistance. [Click here](#) for additional information or call **(888)238-6232**. Also, see attached information on understanding and managing stress.


Thank you for what you do each day to ensure our students are happy, healthy, and thriving academically. I hope this information eases your concerns about our recent school closure. Additionally, if you are struggling with managing stress, please utilize the free service provided by *Aetna*. This service is available for all employees whether you selected insurance coverage for the year or not – it is accessible to all permanent employees.

## FOUR FBHS STUDENTS NAMED COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mrs. Linda Medley, Principal Flour Bluff High School, announced that she received notification that four Flour Bluff High School students have been named Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by Ms. Medley to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2022 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."





# CONGRATULATIONS!

**COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2022**

## **NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**VAN W COOPER**

**KAILI I DOBLE**

**ANDREA V MONTENEGRO POLANCO**

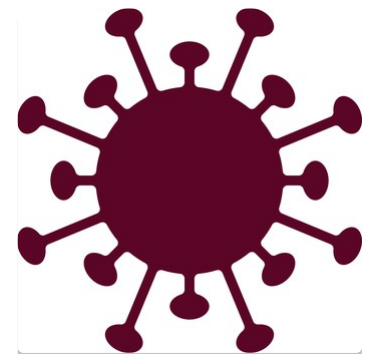
**KYLE E PSHIGODA**

***Together We Can...***  
INSPIRE.FOSTER.EMPOWER.

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### COVID-19 UPDATE

The testing clinic has been testing students and staff each day. This week, the Clinic has tested approximately 16 individuals. The Clinic allows students and staff exhibiting symptoms to complete a rapid test on-site and free of charge. The COVID-19 Testing Clinic is located in a classroom past the Print Shop and Spirit Shop and is open from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Noon) each school day.



For September, we have had the following positive COVID-19 cases in the district:

- High School – 49 students; 0 staff members
- Junior High - 27 students; 3 staff members
- Intermediate - 28 students; 4 staff members
- Elementary - 16 students; 3 staff members
- Primary – 9 students; 1 staff member
- ECC - 7 students; 3 staff members
- District and Transportation- 6 staff members

Currently, we have a total of 12 student and staff positive cases in the district.



# UPDATE FROM HORNET ATHLETICS

## HORNET HIGHLIGHTS

- Football is 4-0
- Tennis is undefeated in District
- Hornet of the Week - Nash Villegas - <https://athletics.flourbluffschools.net/?p=9352&preview=true>
- Booster Club Spaghetti Dinner is Saturday October 2 - <https://athletics.flourbluffschools.net/2021/09/17/booster-club-spaghetti-dinner-10-5/>



## **6TH GRADE** **INTRAMURAL SPORTS** *OPENING WEEKEND EVENTS*



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

7 ON 7 FOOTBALL GAME

8 A.M.

HORNET STADIUM



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

VOLLEYBALL GAME

10 A.M.

FB JUNIOR HIGH GYM



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## THIS WEEK IN HORNET SPORTS

- Monday - September 27
  - FBHS JV Golf vs Ray at NASCC - 7:30 AM
- Tuesday - September 28
  - FBHS Volleyball at Veterans Memorial (JV & Freshman 5:00, Varsity 6:00)
  - FBHJ 7th Grade Football vs GP (B Team 5:30 PM, A Team 7:00 PM)
  - FBHJ 8th Grade Football @ GP (B Team 5:30 PM, A Team 7:00 PM)
  - FBHS Varsity Tennis vs. Veterans Memorial- 4:30 PM
- Thursday - September 30
  - FBHS JV Tennis at TM 4:30 PM
  - FBHJ Tennis vs Tuloso Midway 4:30 PM
  - FBHS Freshman Football vs GP (White 5:00 PM, Maroon 6:30 PM)
  - FBHS JV Football at GP (White 5:00 PM, Maroon 6:30 PM)
- Friday - October 1
  - FBHS Volleyball vs. Gregory Portland (JV & Freshman 6:00, Varsity 5:00)
  - FBHS Varsity Football vs. GP 7:30
    - Video Stream - Flour Bluff Sports Information Youtube
    - Radio Broadcast - 1230 AM, 95.1 FM (sportsradiocc-on-Tunein App)
- Saturday - October 2
  - FBHS Swimming Sprint Meet at Natatorium 10AM
  - FBHS Tennis vs Friendswood - 9:00 AM
  - FBHJ/JV/9th Cross Country @ Calallen 9:00 AM

athletics.flourbluffschoools.net

[Click Here for More Athletic News](#)

[Click Below for Homecoming Parade Sign-Up Information](#)





## FBISD Calendar of Events

### Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, Sep. 30th, 6pm

Where

Central Office, Board Room



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Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need clarification on any items presented on the weekly Board Buzz. Board, faculty, staff, and parents can reach me at 361.438.0160.

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