

Board Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

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Happy Friday!

It's been a great week of learning for our students in Flour Bluff ISD. Students and staff are looking forward to the long Labor Day weekend.

This week, the team has been busy ensuring our District COVID-19 protocols are in line with TEA guidelines. The Executive Team and Principals met this week to ensure campuses are consistent on COVID-19 protocols and communication to families. Additional work this week has been around Senate Bill 15 which allows school districts to receive funding for remote learning programs. Our Curriculum & Instruction Team has provided further details regarding the specifications surrounding the Bill in this week's Board Buzz.

I hope each of you will be able to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend Dr. David Freeman Teen Program center. The ceremony will be held Tuesday, September 7. Additional details are included below.

Although this upcoming weekend officially marks the end of summer, warm temperatures and sunny skies remain. Hope you get an opportunity to enjoy our wonderful South Texas weather and beaches over the long week. Wishing each of you a safe and enjoyable Labor Day Holiday.

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

FLOUR BLUFF ISD MOURNS THE LOSS OF FORMER SUPERINTENDENT CAROL MOFFETT

It's with a saddened heart we announce that former Flour Bluff ISD Superintendent Carol Moffett has passed away following a long and courageous battle with cancer. Mrs. Moffett served our District as Superintendent from 1998 until 2003. She returned in 2013 to serve as Interim Superintendent.

Mrs. Moffett's service to education also included leading Woodville ISD, Mabank ISD, and Ingram ISD as superintendent. Even after retirement, she remained a faithful and loyal servant of public

education.

Flour Bluff ISD sends our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Carol Moffett. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) in her memory. This was an organization that was near and dear to Mrs. Moffett's heart and one she supported and volunteered at for many years.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Carol Moffett is pending.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. NIKOL YOUNGBERG SELECTED TO SERVE AS THE NAESP REPRESENTATIVE FOR TEPSEA



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August 26, 2021

Ms. Velma Soliz-Garcia
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Dear Mrs. Soliz-Garcia:

On behalf of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA), I'm pleased to share that Nikol Youngberg will serve as the NAESP Representative for our association for 2021-2022.

Professional engagement is the hallmark of an instructional leader. We look forward to Nikol's contributions to the association during the upcoming year.

TEPSA, whose trademark is educational leaders learning with and from each other, has served Texas school leaders since 1917. Member owned and member governed, TEPSEA has more than 5,900 members who direct the activities of 3 million PreK-8 school children.

Enclosed is a copy of the press release distributed to your district communications office.

Cordially,

Harley Eckhart
Executive Director

cc: Nikol Youngberg

UPDATE FROM C&I: MATH SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Integrated Math and Science Committee held its first meeting of the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, August 30. Celebrations were shared and the purpose of the committee was established..."The purpose of this committee is for FBISD Staff & Community Members to collaborate and support current and future goals to further enhance student academic successes in the areas of Math & Science."

The current state of the Integrated Math & Science curriculums, clubs, and competitions were discussed, as well as future goals for our math and science programs.

Topics of Note:

- Gifted & Talented Program - Re-evaluate our process for GT testing - how, when, and which assessments we use to test students for GT Math & Science Pathways
- Advertising/Communicating on the website what FBISD has to offer students in 5th Grade through 12th Grade; the purpose of taking courses early at the Intermediate and Jr. High campuses and the opportunities it opens up at the High School
- Military-Connected Students - Being more aware of transfer students from out of state and the standards/curriculums they've used

Action Steps needed to reach our goals were also discussed; ideas given included:

- Sustaining number of Math/Science students from Junior High to High School
- Identifying students early (in elementary) as quality candidates for Math & Science clubs/competitions
- Send out a survey to students for feedback
- Community Partnerships with TAMUCC, Del Mar, and/or TXVSN for senior-level math

Competitions such as TMSCA, the Science Fair, and UIL meets were compared and contrasted. The Committee discussed possibly including the elementary in TMSCA in the future so students get more opportunities to compete (other than once per year).

The next Committee Meeting will be on September 27th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the HS Teaching Theater.

UPDATE FROM C&I: SB15

SB 15 would allow districts to operate and receive funding for local remote learning programs through the 2022-2023 school year. If SB 15 passes, there will be a limit on the participation in the program to 10% of enrolled students. (570 students max for FBISD)

In order to operate a program, the district must have received an overall accountability rating of C or higher in the most recent year in which accountability ratings were assigned. The bill also requires that the commissioner track the performance of students within the local remote learning program under a separate campus number for accountability purposes.

Student Eligibility:

- Students who received remote instruction for the majority of the preceding school year would not be allowed to attend and count for funding purposes if:
- The student failed any STAAR or EOC tests in the preceding year;

- The student that did not earn a C or higher in each foundation curriculum course taken virtually in the preceding school year, or;
- The student had unexcused absences exceeding 10 percent of instructional days in the preceding year. Students with more than 10 or more unexcused absences in a six-month period while receiving virtual instruction would also not generate attendance eligible for state funding.

Students participating in the program must:

- Be enrolled in the district;
- Have reasonable access to in-person services for the course at a district or school facility;
- Meet other additional criteria, including minimum academic standards, established by the district or charter in which the student is enrolled.

The bill requires districts and charters to periodically assess the performance of students enrolled in the local remote learning program. Districts and charters may remove students from the program if the school determines that the student does not meet the academic standards it has set for participation.

Students enrolled in the program may also participate in extracurricular activities, including UIL activities, in the same manner as in-person students.

Districts could not require teachers to provide virtual instruction to students in the program and in-person instruction simultaneously. Finally, the bill would also require that teachers agree to an assignment to provide virtual instruction in writing or have it specified in their employment contract.

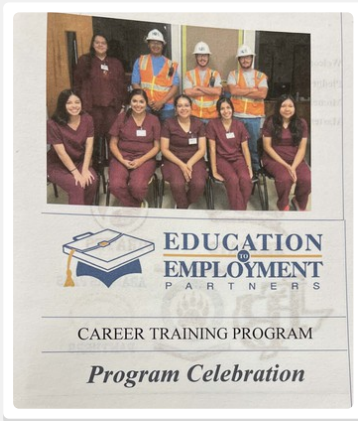
FBISD CELEBRATES STUDENT TAKING PART IN CTE SUMMER CAREERS PROGRAM

Calallen ISD with the help of four surrounding districts (Flour Bluff, Sinton, Aransas Pass, and West Oso) and the Education to Employment Partners applied and received a grant for a Summer Career Training Program. The grant was for summer internships with local businesses in the Coastal Bend and each district was allowed five student participants.

Students had to meet certain qualifications which included being 18 years old, had just graduated from high school, and had taken a CTE class. The students who met the criteria were invited to an informational meeting with Dr. Linda Barganski. Flour Bluff ISD had one student, Camryn Clayton, who elected to participate in the program. The program ran from June 14th to August 27th and included learning essential work skills such as:

- Communication
- Professionalism
- Leadership
- Interviews
- Resume-building
- Dressing for success

The participants then interviewed with employers and began their 8-week internship. The conclusion of the program was a celebration at the ESC-2 on August 31st. We would like to congratulate Camryn for completing the program.



HR HIRING PR INITIATIVES

This week we kicked off a hiring initiative to fill several positions across the District. Positions include:

- Social Worker/LPC
- Bus Drivers
- Substitute Teachers

We are working to get the word out on these positions in a variety of ways including posting on the District's website, social media platforms, and via LinkedIn. We've also reached out to area colleges and universities and the Texas Workforce Solutions.

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- Uniform shirts provided
- Health care and other benefits available
- Ongoing opportunities for additional duty pay for field trips, athletic events and other student activities
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UPDATE FROM FOOD SERVICES

Greetings Board from School Nutrition Department!

We have just completed our August 2021 Claim for Reimbursement to the state. We have served 31,089 breakfast meals and 43,358 lunch meals to the amazing students at our Flour Bluff schools. Our total reimbursement for the month of August was \$263,754.82 for 16 days of meal service. We are happy to report that our team is getting into the groove of serving our students and figuring out which items are the most popular. We have an amazing Nutrition Team who encourages all students to take a meal and just try it out. We hope they like it! If you are interested in stopping by for lunch one day, please contact Superintendent Soliz-Garcia and she will help to coordinate a time to plan lunch together and a tour of a campus cafeteria and Student Nutrition Department.

We hope that you are seeing our wonderful pictures on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, or Ticktock. It's fun for our team. We are able to communicate to parents/guardians and the community about what the district is doing regarding meals for the students of FBISD. We have been featured in NxtGen Network in a digital magazine called Served. Please see the link below:

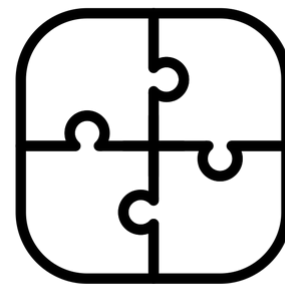
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P-TECH GRANT UPDATE

The first meeting with the P-TECH Leadership Team will be on September 14, 2021. Members of the team include:

Velma Soliz-Garcia—Superintendent
Ludi Cansino—Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Linda Barganski—CTE District Coordinator
Linda Medley—High School Principal
Amy Seeds—CTE Campus Coordinator
Zachary Graf—Flour Bluff CTE Teacher
Dr. Leonard Rivera—Del Mar College
Chris Hamilton—Industry Partner
Arnold Mendez—Del Mar College (Construction)
Chuck Clark—Industry Partner



Some of the items to be discussed throughout the process will include the P-TECH program from the planning stage through implementation, data collection, curriculum development, and professional development.

FBISD RECEIVES ESSER III FUNDS AWARD NOTIFICATION

Flour Bluff ISD received its Notice of Grant Award for the ESSER III funds on August 25, 2021. These funds will be used to support teachers, instructional materials, tutoring, family engagement, technology, and PPE.



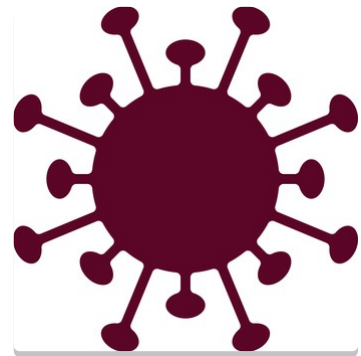
FBISD PD UPDATE

Police Body Cams have arrived and police officers will begin wearing them this week.



COVID-19 UPDATE

The district has been working on updating the Health and Safety Protocols. Suggestions from the school board members have been incorporated into our plan. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, with the principals to get their feedback on the updated plan.



From August 30 to September 1, we tested a total of 57 students and staff members at the Flour Bluff COVID Testing Center. There were nine positive cases reported during this time. As of August 31, we have a total of 347 active cases in the district. This includes 313 students and 34 staff members.

[Click here for the latest COVID-19 case numbers and other district data.](#)

To keep up to date on the latest information surrounding COVID-19, visit <https://flourbluffschoools.net/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>.

UPDATE FROM HORNET ATHLETICS

THIS WEEK IN HORNET SPORTS

- Tuesday - September 7
 - HS Volleyball vs Ray (9th/JV 5PM, Varsity 6PM)
 - Varsity Tennis Home Vs Carol - 4:30 PM
 - 8th Grade Volleyball Home to GP (B Team 5PM, A Team 6:15)
 - 7th Grade Volleyball @ GP (B Team 5PM, A Team 6:15)
 - 7th Grade Football Home to Alice (C Team 4:30, B Team 5:30, A Team 7:00)
 - 8th Grade Football Home @ Alice (C Team 4:30, B Team 5:30, A Team 7:00)
- Thursday - September 9
 - JV Tennis Home Vs Calallen - 4:30
 - 9th Grade White Football @ Victoria West - 5:00 PM
 - 9th Grade Maroon Football @ Victoria West - 6:30 PM
 - JV White Football Home Vs Victoria West - 5:30 PM
 - JV Maroon Football Home Vs Victoria West - 6:30 PM
- Friday - September 10
 - Swim & Dive - Maroon and White Meet 4:30 PM
 - HS Volleyball @ Victoria West (Varsity 5PM, JV/9th 6:00)
 - Varsity Football @ Victoria West 7:30 PM
 - Video Stream - Flour Bluff Sports Information Youtube
 - Radio Broadcast - 1230 AM, 95.1 FM (sportsradiocc on Tunein App)
- Saturday - September 11
 - Cross County - Flour Bluff Invitational @ Malaquite Beach

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[Click Here for More Athletic News](#)

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

LABOR DAY

STUDENT & STAFF HOLIDAY





FBISD Calendar of Events

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend Dr.
David Freeman Teen Program Center Flour Bluff
Ribbon Cutting

When

Tuesday, Sep. 7th, 4pm

Where

2518 Waldron Road Corpus Christi, TX



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