



**To:** The BISD Board of Trustees  
**From:** Dr. Kristi Lee, Interim Superintendent  
**Date:** 19 Aug 2025  
**Re:** Board Update for August

#### Athletics: Eliot Allen

- BHS and CCHS are off and running with Tennis, Cross Country, Football, and Volleyball. Teams are practicing and preparing for a new season.
- Middle School football and volleyball will start shortly after the beginning of school. We are working to ensure the Creekside and Riverside have all of the equipment needed to get the athletic program up and running.
- We are excited to be adding athletic trainers Bastrop Middle School and Cedar Creek Middle School to further ensure the safety of our BISD athletes. Our goal is to add athletic trainers to Creekside and Riverside next school year. For 25-26, our high school trainers will continue to support CMS and RMS.

#### Communications & Marketing: Cassie Balderas

##### ParentSquare

- We've consolidated our communications tools into one platform, ParentSquare! This is replacing School Status, Blackboard Mass Communications and Smore. ParentSquare offers a unified, two-way communication experience for families and staff, including messaging, phone calls, alerts, calendar events, forms, newsletters and more, all in one place.

The Communications team hosted ParentSquare training sessions for teachers and staff at all BISD campuses during District PD. We will continue offering support and training throughout the school year.

##### Media Coverage

- We have worked with local media to encourage their coverage of positive stories in Bastrop ISD and/or to respond to reporter inquiries. The following are stories that were either in print or on television.
  - [Community Impact July 29-August 27](#)
    - Pg. 20 - New Homes Underway in Bastrop ISD
    - Pg. 23 - BISD Back to School Ad
  - Community Impact Articles:
    - [First look: Bastrop ISD's newest elementary school](#)
    - [First day of school in Bastrop ISD is Aug. 13, other dates to know](#)
    - [Check out the status of bond-funded construction projects in Bastrop ISD](#)
    - [TEA to release 2024 and 2025 A-F ratings in mid-August](#)
    - [Bastrop ISD names Kristi Lee interim superintendent amid search](#)
  - Houston Chronicle - [Bastrop school district names Kristi Lee interim superintendent](#)
  - CBS - [Bastrop ISD appoints Dr. Kristi Lee as interim superintendent](#)
  - KXAN - [Bastrop ISD names interim superintendent as search continues](#)
  - KVUE
    - [Bastrop ISD picks interim superintendent](#)
    - [Cellphone crackdown: What Central Texas school districts are doing to enforce a new ban](#)

- Elgin Courier
  - [Interim leader steps up for Bastrop ISD](#)
  - [BISD board opens up, names interim chief](#)

### Community Relations: Karen Trevino

- All **Child Development Center** classes are near or at capacity for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Staffing for **STARS** has improved significantly, and we've been able to offer select days care to the community (BISD staff was given this option last school year).
- **Adopt-a-School** Program: All campuses have been selected for the 2025-2026 school year. Partners are as follows:
  - BHS- Gravity District
  - CCHS- Acutronic
  - CRCA/Genesis- Frontier Bank of Texas
  - Gateway- Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center
  - BMS- Ortho 360 Orthodontics
  - CMS- First National Bank of Bastrop
  - CCMS- A+ Federal Credit Union
  - RMS- DeNucci Electric
  - AE- Community Gardens
  - BE- Kragh's Jewelry Retail & Repair
  - CCE- Hyatt Regency Lost Pines
  - COE- David Weekley Homes
  - CRE- First National Bank of Bastrop
  - EE- Film Alley Bastrop
  - LPE-Ally Medical ER Bastrop
  - ME- Rotary Club of Bastrop County
  - RRE- First National Bank of Bastrop
- **Back to School Bash** - Over 1200 people attend the Back to School Bash on July 29th. Sponsorship dollars allowed us to provide school supplies to over 400 BISD students in grades PK-5 and cover device fees for more than 250 others. In addition, over 900 backpacks were distributed by this year's event partner, CommUnityCares.
- **Bastrop County Health Fair** - Community Relations represented Bastrop ISD at this event on August 9th and gave away close to 250 ID kits as part of the National Child Identification Program.

### Construction & Planning: Lee Raspberry

The Construction & Planning report will be an in-person presentation at the August 19 board meeting.

### Information Technology: Randy Sharp

#### Operations

- Assigned 331 Chromebooks to (9) Campuses across the district
- Labeled, assigned and alphabetized the (796) Verizon Learning School devices for CCM
- Labeled, assigned and alphabetized the (619) Verizon Learning School devices for BMS
- Evaluated, Repaired, Cleaned and Redistributed an additional approximately (2027) Chromebooks.
- Onboarding and device handout over 182 devices
- In July, our IT department was assigned 1251 new support tickets and successfully resolved 1265 tickets, which is an improvement over the previous month. The majority of these tickets (1238) were handled "Within SLA," meaning they were resolved on time. When breaking down the work by team, the ITS Inventory Team resolved the most tickets, with 924. The ITS Infrastructure Team handled 163 tickets, and the ITS Applications Team resolved 93 tickets. The report also shows that our IT department's performance has been consistent throughout the year, with a steady number of tickets

being resolved each month and a high success rate for meeting our service agreements. [Click here to see the report for July](#)

## **Applications**

- Successfully streamlined and secured permissions for all Rostered applications within the ClassLink Roster server
- Enhanced data security and efficiency by completely reorganizing and cleaning up permissions for all Rostered applications in ClassLink
- Executed all necessary procedures for the new school year rollover of all rostering applications
- Ensured a seamless start to the school year by completing all required rollover procedures for every rostering application
- Successfully deployed several critical addendums and updates to both Skyward Business and Student servers, enhancing functionality and security
- Improved server performance and compliance by installing several updates and addendums on the Skyward Business and Student servers
- Collaborated with the Newline vendor to document out-of-the-box and device management procedures, establishing clear protocols for future installations
- Configured and installed new Autotech lab equipment, creating a ready-to-use learning environment for students.

## **Infrastructure**

- **Network Infrastructure**
  - Successfully configured and installed all new network equipment for Adelton Elementary School, ensuring a robust and reliable foundation for technology integration.
- **Server Infrastructure**
  - Successfully configured and implemented Dynamic Environment Manager (DEM) for the Horizons VDI environment, providing a more consistent and personalized user experience.
  - Upgraded the Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) environment by creating and implementing a new Windows 11 image, ensuring a modern and secure platform for all users.
- **Cyber Security**
  - Successfully completed a comprehensive audit of the IT password management tool, ensuring all staff accounts are compliant with security policies and best practices.
  - Strengthened our security posture by reviewing and enforcing password policies for all IT staff within our password management tool.
  - The Mimecast Executive Summary for July provides an overview of our email security performance. During the month of July, our email system processed 439,653 incoming messages and sent out 36,652 messages. Our email system was effective at blocking unwanted emails, with 22% of inbound messages rejected. We successfully detected 44 instances of inbound malware, and no outbound malware was found. Our URL Protect feature, which scans links for safety, recorded 33,274 clicks. Of these, only 1 in 1,584 clicks was identified as unsafe, demonstrating the system's success in preventing access to malicious websites. For attachments, our Attachment Protect feature analyzed 14,993 attachments, with 1 in 4,998 attachments found to be unsafe. [Click here to see the Mimecast report for July](#)
  - The Bitdefender Executive Summary covers our cybersecurity performance for Bastrop ISD from July 8th to August 7th, 2025. During this period, our systems managed approximately 1,900 devices and successfully blocked 204 threats, which is a 66% increase from the previous reporting period. Our company risk score is 18%, a slight decrease from the last period. The primary threats detected and blocked were web malware (68 instances) and phishing attempts (63 instances). Other blocked threats included viruses, initial access attempts, and lateral movement threats. All 204 threats were detected on workstations, with no threats found on our servers. When an incident occurred, our system was highly effective: out of 78 incidents, 70 were completely blocked, which is a strong success rate. Our automated systems also proactively blocked numerous websites associated with malware, phishing, and fraud. [Click here to see the BitDefender report for July](#)
  - The Content Keeper Executive Summary for July 2025 provides an overview of our district's

internet usage and content filtering. For our **Guest Wi-Fi Policy**, our system handled a high volume of activity, with 512.63 million transactions, and successfully blocked a total of 5.67 million items. This included 400 thousand blocked applications and 5.56 million blocked websites. The system also detected 14 behavioral alerts and 1,894 attempts to get around our filters, along with 775 search term violations. For our **Staff Policy**, there were 112.59 million transactions recorded. The system effectively blocked 3.82 million items, comprising 251 thousand blocked applications and 3.76 million blocked websites. We also noted 30 behavioral alerts and 41 attempts to get around the filters. This data collectively shows how our content filtering system continues to keep our online environment safe and productive for both guests and staff by actively filtering content, blocking threats, and monitoring internet usage. [Click here to see the ContentKeeper report for July](#)

- **Unified Communications**

- Managed the complete installation and configuration of VoIP phones and gateway for Adelton Elementary School.

### Student Services: Dr. Janel Morris

- Aurora Concepts volunteered their time and staff to assist with two vaccination clinics on August 7 to help students complete their immunization requirements.
- Both Bastrop and Cedar Creek feeder patterns will be served by a full-time, bilingual truancy officer this year. 2024-25 was our greatest single-year ADA gain since COVID, with an average of 1,000 more students on campus daily, compared to 2023-24, and we are committed to building on that momentum!
- All campuses will be served by a full-time, certified nurse this year! We appreciate Tanya and Garland working so hard to recruit and retain caring health professionals who keep our kids safe and healthy while they are with us each school day.
- All secondary campuses will be served by a social worker, either on a daily or rotating basis, to support mental health needs, assist in a crisis, and serve as a critical member of the Behavior Threat Assessment (BTA) team.
- All elementary campuses will be served by an MTSS coach this year. We have hired for 5 schools, and are in the process of filling the other vacancies.
- In accordance with TEC 28.004, the [annual SHAC report to the Board](#) addresses the 2024-25 satisfaction of state requirements and updates plans for the 2025-26 school year.