

**Cedar Hill Independent School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meeting Date: October 8, 2009
Presented by: Mr. Horace Williams, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: 2010 Graduation

Information Item

BOARD GOAL:

This item does not address one specific goal. It does, however, promote activities that are consistent with a world class educational system.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Dallas Convention Center will not be able to accommodate the June 3, 2010 Graduation Exercises of Cedar Hill High School. The High School Administration is presently in negotiations with the Inspiring Body of Christ in Duncanville for the use of that new facility for graduation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends review of the attached memo from High School Principal Tammy Mariani. The proposal indicates several amenities that make the IBOC facility an attractive alternative to the Dallas Convention Center.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

No Board action required at this time.

The High School Staff, Central Administration and legal counsel are presently crafting a facility usage agreement that will be brought before the Board for consideration in November.

POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

EIF(Legal)(Local) Graduation

CONTACT PERSON:

Tammy Mariani, High School Principal
L. Kim Lewis, Chief Operating Officer

FUNDING SOURCE:

N/A at this time.

ENCLOSURES:

2010 Graduation Proposal

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June 3, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Inspiring Body of Christ Theatre

7710 Westmorland Rd.

Dallas, Texas 75237

Pastor – Rickie G. Rush

This event at the IBOC church will be a definite plus for the community and CHISD's relationship with the community. The facility will hold over seven thousand people with an overflow of more than four thousand seats.

The building has the latest security equipment, cameras, computers and seating. There are no "bad" seats in the building.

Hosting our 2010 graduation at the Wheatland address will be more advantageous for our community. This event will be less costly for our parents, students, faculty and staff.

- Drive time will be less for all involved.
- Free parking for everyone as opposed to paying \$8.00 - \$10.00 for parking in downtown Dallas.
- Valet service will be available.
- Picturesque settings for taking pictures of the graduating student and family – indoors and outdoors.
- Family dining on site – reservations will have to be made in advance.
- Holding room for students located for easy access, parking, departure and total security for all who enter.
- Adjacent rooms for faculty, school board, administrators and superintendent.
- Shuttle service for overflow facility (older building across the street)
- Live streaming of the graduation for family members that will not be able to attend, in town, out of town.....wherever they can get the internet!
- Less travel time for students on the bus for practice Thursday morning. Possibly less money for bus cost due to reduced distant.
- Food for faculty, administrators, school board and superintendent is included in the price.

- Fewer flowers and plants will have to be purchased, due to the size of the staging areas and decorations already provided.
- Childcare facility available upon request in the same building
- "Cry Room" available with full view of ceremony.
- Reduce cost for maintenance transporting risers to downtown Dallas and return trip to pick up after graduation.
- Cost of previous graduations have totaled as \$33,000.00 in the past few years. Last year's cost were in the \$22,500 – 23,000 range.