

Board Report August 2019

Curriculum and Instruction

New Teacher Academies--Eagle Induction

New Teacher Academies for 2019 was held August 5, 6 & 7. New mentors to the program received their training in July. Mentors gained an understanding of the importance of sustaining a high-quality mentoring program in HISD and their responsibilities as a mentor. Mentors and new teachers will utilize the district's teacher induction system which focuses on the success of our new teachers and ultimately the impact on student learning. This year's academies not only took into consideration the new teacher's assigned grade level, it also provided customized training based on teaching experience. Throughout the year, new teachers will be supported through touch base meetings, learning walks, and cluster meetings based on specific need. All teachers reported on Thursday, August 8 for campus-based staff development.

Community-Based Accountability Session

On July 31, district and campus administrators, teacher leaders and instructional coaches began exploring community-based accountability with John Tanner of Test Sense. Tanner, who has worked closely with the TASA's Texas Performance Assessment Consortium (TPAC), share the Community-Based Accountability System through looking at how highly effective organizations assess their effectiveness. The group learned about how this accountability system connects back to the mission of the district and why now is the time to move from the current system of accountability based on a high-stakes test to a system that will more fully give an accurate reflection of the effectiveness of the district.

Good to Go Head to Toe

Hillsboro ISD hosted its fifth annual back to school fair on Saturday, August 11 at Hillsboro Jr. High from 8:00-11:00. This Hillsboro ISD event provides families of the district with information regarding health services and school/community resource information with a focus on child education, school registration, free and reduced lunch program, youth programs, health and safety.

District Convocation

District Convocation was held on Thursday, August 8. Our theme this year is "Choose Love". HISD staff enjoyed breakfast catered by R & K Cafe. Mrs. Adams welcomed the morning's motivational speaker Scarlett Lewis. Ms. Lewis began the "Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement" movement after her 6-year-old son Jesse was killed by a school shooter at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012. Choose Love, a social/emotional curriculum HISD utilizes K-12, teaches students how to manage their emotions, cultivate empathy, and develop positive relationships.

Huge Welcome

We are very excited that Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Sanders are joining the C&I team this year. They have both been busy with trainings, facilitating meetings with our new SPED and ELL staff, screening our new ELL students and much more.

We are looking forward to an amazing 2019-2020 school year!

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