



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS Update



**Board of Trustees Meeting**

Oct. 22, 2013

# Community Partnerships address Denton ISD's Mission Statement

**Empowering lifelong learners to be engaged citizens who positively impact their local and global community.**



# History: Current Mentoring Programs



**1980s:** Denton ISD's Volunteer Advisory Board founded with mentors mostly parent volunteers



**1990s:** Denton ISD partnered with Denton Chamber to initiate: Denton Adopt A-School Program

**1999:** Expanded to **Adopt-A-School : Partners In Education** and initiated **COOL** (Community Offering One-on-One Learning – mentoring program)

**2005** – Expanded mentoring with Ministerial Partners



**2001:** Initiated Grandparents in Public Schools with grandparents now mentoring throughout DISD.

**2013**

# **Community Partnership Initiatives**

**Denton ISD** - in collaboration with several agencies/universities/government entities helped to initiate two major community partnerships:

- **ReadyRosie**
- **MentorDenton**

# **MENTOR DENTON**

- **A coalition of organizations originally committed to helping at-risk and economically disadvantaged students succeed in school.**

# Participating Community Partnerships

- City of Denton
- Communities In Schools of North Texas
- Denton Chamber of Commerce & Leadership  
Denton 2013
- Denton Independent School District
  - Texas Woman's University
  - United Way of Denton County
  - University of North Texas
    - WeDentonDolt

# MENTOR DENTON

- *Born from a UNT Engagement Advisory Committee Workgroup*

**Mentor Denton is one of the first community projects from UNT President's Community Engagement Council. The group is charged with setting a 20-year vision for community engagement.**

# Mentor Denton Advisory Committee

- **City of Denton:** Kevin Roden, City Council
- **CISNT:** Dana Smith, CEO; Shannon McDonald, Volunteer Director
- **Denton Chamber:** Leadership Denton 2013 Class Project
- **Denton Independent School District:** Dr. Jamie Wilson, Superintendent;  
Robert Bostic, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Programs  
Sharon Cox, Director of Communications/Community Relations
- **Texas Woman's University:** Michelle Behm, Volunteer Services
- **United Way of Denton County:** Gary Henderson, President & CEO  
Leah Jordan, Community Impact Director  
Emily Green, Donor & Grants Director  
Teddy Yan, Research & Community Impact
- **University of North Texas:** Dr. Tom Evenson, Dean/Public Affairs & Community Service  
Amy Simon, Center for Leadership & Service  
Adrienne Nettles, Communications Specialist, University Relations
- **WeDentonDolt:** Glen Fairris, Will Milne
- **Community Volunteer:** Gayle Strange



# **MENTOR DENTON**

## **PHASE I:**

- **2013 Goal: 1,000 mentors**

**As of Oct. 2 - 1,075 signups**

- **875 from UNT**
- **159 from Community**
- **29 from TWU**
- **12 from NCTC**

**CIS mentor applications completed: 559**

**CIS trained: 256**

# Phase 1: Communities In Schools of North Texas

- Serves as the **primary provider** for in-school dropout prevention programs in the North Texas region
- Identify students in need of mentors
- Help facilitate and monitor mentor matches and students' progress



# Phase I: United Way of Denton County

- Denton County has more than 31,000 children at risk of dropping out of school
  - [United Way - Community Needs Assessment.](#)
- Mentor Denton is a strategic education initiative for Denton community
- United Way partnering to help lower the number of at-risk students



# Phase I: University Involvement

## UNT's Center for Leadership and Service

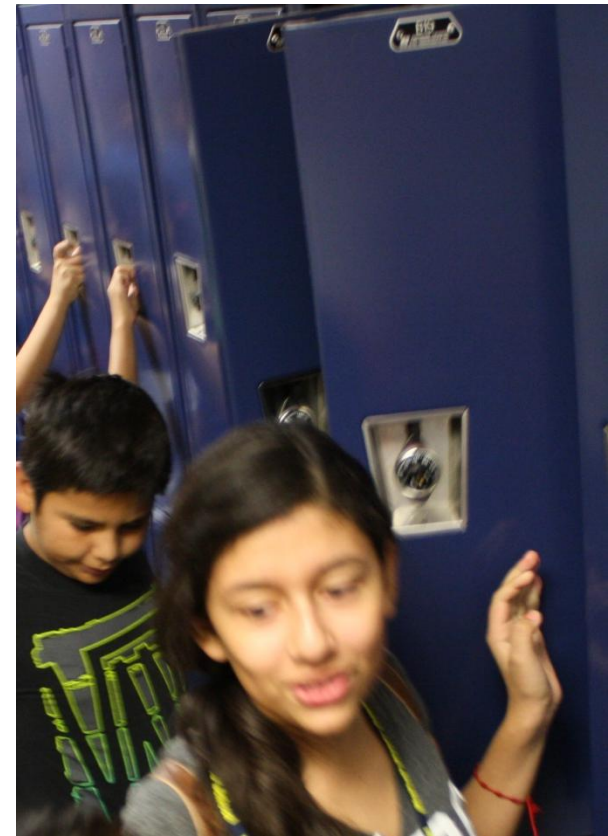
- Committed to sign up 500 students and had reached 875 on Oct. 2
- Helping to solicit an additional 500 volunteers from the Denton area

## TWU – Volunteer Services

- Signed up 29 by Oct. 2, working with athletic groups to recruit more

## NCTC

- Signed up 12 by Oct. 2



## Phase I: Denton ISD

- **Working closely with all community partnerships to recruit and assist in matching mentors with students**
  - Increasing the number of mentors at schools where there are CIS programs.
  - Helping to recruit/train and match mentors
  - Creating pilot programs in schools where there are no CIS programs - in partnership with CIS.
    - Fred Moore High School initiated mentor program.
  - Working creatively with schools in staffing to assist with mentor programs.
    - Initiated a mentor program at Evers Park Elementary School
    - Exploring the expansion of Mentor Denton at Stephens Elementary

# MENTOR DENTON

## PHASE 2:

- **Goal: Scaling to 10,000 mentors**
  - Identify and expand with other existing Denton ISD mentoring programs to help students succeed at all levels
  - Develop a mentor/internship program for more high school students
    - Recruit business community to assist
  - Include church youth groups, sponsored athletic programs, library programs, etc.
  - Continue working with all Mentor Denton partners
    - Work with schools to enhance mentoring partnerships

# MENTOR DENTON

- Changing our community ...  
one student  
at a time



One kid. One hour a week. One year.



CHANGING OUR CITY ONE STUDENT AT A TIME.

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