



To: Barry Edwards & the BISD Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Kristi Lee, Deputy Superintendent
Date: 13 May 2025
Re: Board Update for May

Athletics: Eliot Allen

Bastrop High School:

BHS offers 13 sports and in **10 of the 13** sports, our teams went into post-season competition: Cross Country (regional), Football (district champs, 2nd round), Powerlifting (regional), Boys Soccer (3rd round), Baseball (1st round), Softball (district champs, 1st round), Tennis (regional), Golf (regional and state), Track (area, regional, state)

- Track was well represented at the Area and Regional meets. We also had Maggie Howard compete at the State Track meet in Long jump. This was a monumental year for track as 3 of the 4 teams won a district championship.
- Softball finished the season as District Champions, which is the first time in school history. They were defeated in the bi- district round.
- Baseball made the playoffs this year for only the 6th time in school history, finishing 3rd in district. They capped off a competitive series in the bi-district round, but fell short of advancing.
- Golf finished with an individual showing, Carly Sherman, at the state golf tournament. She finished in the top 15. She caps off an impressive high school golf career, and now heads to North Carolina to continue her golf and academic career.
- Tennis finished 3rd in District and also received a late seed into the regional tennis tournament. This program continues to grow and compete every single year.

Cedar Creek High School:

- We are at the halfway point of Spring Football Practices, and our student-athletes have been working extremely hard. Participation numbers have increased this off-season, and we're seeing great progress this Spring. With just a few weeks remaining, we're excited for the continued development leading up to our Spring Football Game on May 16th at 6 PM.
- Congratulations to Crystal Turner, who closed out a record-breaking freshman season by competing in the 3200m run at the Regional Track Meet. Crystal's outstanding performance has set a high bar for the future of our distance running program.
- Both our boys' and girls' basketball programs are currently participating in Spring League play. The athletes have embraced the off-season with energy and dedication, consistently putting in the work to grow stronger on and off the court.
- Spring League play is underway, and our volleyball athletes are showing tremendous commitment. They have been working hard all off-season, and their development is evident in both skills and teamwork.

- CCHS Signing Day was a tremendous success, celebrating eight student-athletes who signed their letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level. We proudly recognize: Dillon Dubee-Texas Lutheran University (Football), Gianna Del Bosque-Quincy University (Volleyball), Mackenzie Collins-Coastal Bend (Volleyball), Kenji Franklin Jr.-Weatherford College (Basketball), Jazlene Gomez-Pfeiffer University (Girls Soccer), Michael Ybarbo-Wayland Baptist (Baseball), Laude Reyes-Hutson-Tillotson (Baseball), and Jack Ardis-Sam Houston State (Rugby)

Communications: Cassie Balderas

- We've continued to tell the stories of the outstanding teaching and learning happening every day across BISD classrooms. Our goal is to shine a light on the academic growth, innovation, and support taking place throughout the district. Here are just a few of the stories we've recently shared:
 - [CCMS Growth in Academic Honors Program](#)
 - [Students Across Bastrop ISD Gear Up for STAAR with Extra Support](#)
 - [Dual Language](#)
 - [Texas Mobile STEM Lab at Cedar Creek Elementary](#)
 - [P-TECH Signing](#)
 - [STEAMFest](#)
- Recent editions of our bi-weekly parent and staff newsletters are included below:
 - Family Connects (April 9) - <https://secure.smores.com/n/s9bgf>
 - Family Connects (April 28) - <https://secure.smores.com/n/h3kvcb>
 - The Insider (April 16) - <https://secure.smores.com/n/wukxv>
 - The Insider (April 30) - <https://secure.smores.com/n/681qc>
- 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 April 29-May 27 Online Edition](#)
 - Pg. 9 - BISD Hiring Ad
 - Pg. 12 - BISD receives \$80k grant for brain injury awareness
 - Pg. 12 - Students launch careers at Acutronic
 - KXAN: [Thousands expected to move to Bastrop in next 5 years](#)
 - Community Impact:
 - [Bastrop ISD chooses mascots, colors for new campuses opening this fall](#)
 - [Bastrop ISD receives D in newly released 2022-23 TEA accountability ratings](#)
 - [BISD students launch careers with Acutronic](#)
 - [Bastrop ISD partnering with Verizon for Innovative Learning Schools program this fall](#)
 - [Bastrop ISD to begin education, awareness campaign for traumatic brain injuries](#)

Community Relations: Karen Trevino

Child Development Centers

- Fifty one children are signed up for the summer CDC at Emile.
- As of May 1st, enrollment for 2025-2026 is 35 children at Bluebonnet (at capacity), 16 children at Cedar Creek, and 40 at Emile.
- We will once again partner with Special Programs and Services by enrolling general education students into the inclusive Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) classes at Adelson, Mina and Red Rock for the 2025-2026 school year. We are currently at 50%, 80% and 30% capacity respectively..

STARS

- STARS is at capacity at Mina and Emile, and CCE is nearing capacity with an expected total of 260

children in the program for summer of 2025. The theme for the summer is STEAM, where children will explore all things science, technology, engineering, art and math.

- STARS registration for the 2025-2026 school year opens on July 7th. We will be open at all previously licensed elementary campuses and will add Adelton as a new location.

Community Education & Events

- Summer Hoopstars will begin in June with 157 players.
- The summer session of driver's education will be held June 2-12 at Cedar Creek High School. Although we will not offer scholarships or rebates for the summer session, a grant with TxDOT will allow us to provide this opportunity for students in the fall 2025 and spring 2026 sessions.
- Community Relations represented BISD at the City of Bastrop's *Movies in the Park* on April 5th and at Children's Advocacy Center's *Springfest* event on April 12th. Children enjoyed playing plinko with a chance to win Play-doh and other fun prizes.
- Community Relations joined forces with several service center staff to form the BISD Lifesavers team at the Relay for Life of Southern Bastrop County event on Saturday, May 3rd. Our team of 12 raised over \$800 and a lot of awareness for the American Cancer Society.
- We will partner with the Central Texas Food Bank to host a mobile food distribution at Lost Pines Elementary on Friday, May 30, 2025 from 9-10:30 a.m.
- We are in the early planning stages for the 2025 Back to School Bash with the theme *Ready, Set, Glow!* This popular, well-attended event will be held on Tuesday, July 29th from 5-8pm at Cedar Creek High School.

Construction & Planning: Lee Raspberry

- **BHS - PROJECT ON TIME - Design Development phase - Construction 0% Complete** - additions package submitted 4/24 - 100% bid set, site work bid 3/12, sitework permit secured, main building bid set issued 4/18, additions building permit go in 4/21, additions bid 5/21, renovation drawings to release 7/7, concrete sub awarded.
- **Riverside & Creekside MS - PROJECT ON TIME - Renovations 75% Complete** - pond retaining walls complete, MEP/Fire overhead complete, RTU's to be set 4/15, corridor painting ongoing, interior wall framing complete and drywall beginning, school colors and mascots chosen.
- **Additions - 58% Complete** - Fine Arts building CMU walls ongoing, south parking lot curb & gutter complete, new storm line complete, new sanitary sewer complete, new retention ponds complete, rock retaining walls in progress, MEP rough in progress, waterproofing in progress, roof blocking complete.
- **PD/Ops Center - Construction 20% Complete** - parking lot fill complete, Area "A" poured, spread footings and grade beams poured, PEMB steel delivered, domestic water line complete to property, waste water line cut under drive, elevator CMU to begin 5/6.
- **Adelton Elementary - PROJECT ON TIME - Construction 65% Complete** - All dry utilities complete, water meter installed, parking lot asphalt complete, fiber/phone service scheduled for July, Centerpoint to install gas service 5/5, retaining walls complete, kitchen wall tile complete, roofing complete, HVAC units set, music & dining room glass underway, Area B (classroom) sheetrock complete. Permanent address issued: 119 Blume Dr. Bastrop, TX 78602, school colors and mascot selection complete.
- **BMS/CCMS Renovation - PROJECT ON TIME - Construction 28% Complete** - steel erection complete, exterior CMU complete, interior CMU underway, athletic field subcontractor mobilizing, waterproofing at exterior walls ongoing, overhead MEP ongoing, pond flumes underway, exterior brick started.
- **CCHS Additions - PROJECT ON TIME - Construction 37% Complete** - structural steel columns complete, joists & beams complete, stairs complete, roofing ongoing, level 1 stud framing complete, sky

bridge connection complete, 2nd floor decking complete, summer work schedule approved and shared with campus.

- **Gateway Renovation and CRCA/Genesis Renovation - PROJECT ON TIME - Construction 0% Complete** - In design.
- **Mina Elementary Reno Phase 2 - PROJECT ON TIME - Construction 18% Complete** - building pad complete, steel and formwork at beams complete, plumbing & electrical rough complete, concrete pour at slab “B” scheduled for 5/8.
- **Summer Playground Renovations** at LPE, BBE, EES, RRES & CCE to begin this month

Human Resources: Diana Greene

- Windy Burnett has been selected as our new Human Resources Coordinator following the resignation of Jen Greene-Gast, who is relocating with her husband to the Texas coast.
- We currently have two elementary principal positions open, and we understand how important it is to find the right leaders for each campus. As part of the process, we have gathered input from campus staff and will carefully review all applications to select high-quality candidates to interview. We will work to organize the interview committee (to include campus staff) in order to find candidates who are the best fit for these schools.
- Bastrop ISD has been preliminarily selected to receive an award through the **Texas Strategic Staffing Grant for Sustainable, Paid Teacher Residency Programs**, as announced by the Texas Education Agency. This grant will support our continued efforts to build a strong teacher pipeline and strengthen classroom instruction through innovative staffing models. We will share more details as the final award process moves forward.

Information Technology: Randy Sharp

Operations

- The BISD Information Technology Monthly Summary for April highlights a very active month for the IT department, with a total of 1,720 support tickets assigned and 1,596 tickets resolved. The Inventory and Operations Teams handled the largest share of this workload, responding to a wide range of support needs across the district. Despite the high volume, most tickets were resolved within the expected Service Level Agreement (SLA) timelines, showing strong performance by the department. However, 381 incidents and 115 service requests went beyond the SLA, mainly due to the significant increase in support requests—particularly from the Inventory Team, which handled over 800 new tickets in April alone. Overall, the IT team continues to manage a growing workload efficiently, keeping technology services running smoothly and addressing staff and student needs as quickly as possible. Ongoing efforts are being made to reduce SLA violations and improve resolution times as demand increases. [Click here to see the report for April](#)
- **Skyward Updates:** Skyward environments were updated to the latest addendum and release. Skyward is our student information system used for managing grades, attendance, and other student data. These updates ensure the system has the newest features, security patches, and complies with any regulatory changes.
- **BenQ Interactive Displays:** BenQ's network issue was resolved, and a new clone was created for devices. BenQ refers to interactive displays used in classrooms. Resolving the network issue ensures these devices can connect properly, and creating a new clone simplifies the setup and deployment process for these devices.
- **Classlink and iOS App Implementation:** Several applications were implemented in Classlink and on iOS devices. Classlink is a single sign-on platform that provides easy access to various educational applications for students and staff. Implementing new apps expands the digital resources available through this platform and on iPads or iPhones.

Server Infrastructure

- **Active Directory Updates:** Updated/Optimized OU/Group Policy in Active Directory. Active Directory is a service that manages users, computers, and resources on the network. OUs (Organizational Units) are containers within Active Directory, and Group Policies are sets of rules that control user and computer settings. This update improves the organization and management of these settings.
- **Canon Printer Management:** Updated the software and firmware on all Canon copiers to successfully resolve an issue with PIN authentication within the Enterprise App UniFlow solution, a print management system that requires users to enter a PIN to release print jobs.
- **Badge ID Imports:** Created badge ID imports to automate the process of registering users into the system, this saves time and makes the staff onboarding process faster and more efficient.
- **Virtual Desktop Environment:** Completed the update of POD A for our VDI solution. VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure) allows users to access a desktop operating system from any device. POD A is a section of the VDI environment, this update ensures that if POD A fails, POD B can take over allowing for full redundancy of the VDI environment.

Cyber Security

- The Mimecast Executive Summary for April highlights the district's continued efforts to keep email communications secure. During the month, the system processed over 930,000 inbound emails, with 38,085 of those blocked due to potential threats such as spam, malware, or phishing attempts. URL protection scanned more than 57,000 links, with only 1 in every 2,494 found to be unsafe—indicating a relatively low rate of malicious links. The system also reviewed 35,109 email attachments, and none were flagged as dangerous. Impersonation protection, which helps prevent fake emails pretending to be from trusted sources, stopped 516 potential threats. Overall, these tools worked together to effectively safeguard staff and students from email-based cyber threats, ensuring a secure communication environment across the district. [Click here to see the Mimecast report for April](#)
- The Bitdefender Executive Summary for April indicates that our systems are actively monitoring and responding to threats. We're protecting a large number of devices on our network, specifically 1.5K endpoints. During this period, our defenses blocked a total of 780 threats, a substantial increase compared to the previous period. The overall risk to our network is rated at 17%. The most common threat we encountered was web malware, with 606 instances blocked. We also saw attempts at "lateral movement," which means attackers trying to spread within our network, with 104 instances. Other threats included phishing (49 instances) and initial access attempts (12 instances). Importantly, the vast majority of these threats (780) targeted workstations, with none targeting servers directly. When we look at how we handled these incidents, out of 102 total incidents, 98 were completely blocked by our systems. In terms of remediation, our systems successfully blocked 99.1% of the threats. Our systems are also actively blocking access to malicious websites, with 506,950 websites blocked, most of which were related to malware. Our security relies on several "endpoint modules," which are like security tools installed on individual computers. These include antimalware, threat control, firewalls, and network protection, and most of them are running effectively on our systems. However, we do have some areas where we can improve, particularly in addressing application vulnerabilities and identity risks, which contribute to our overall risk score. [Click here to see the BitDefender report for April](#)
- In April 2025, Our Content Filtering System report handled 515.13 million transactions. The system's filtering activity included 66.47 million total blocks. These blocks were made up of 11.77 million application blocks and 64.83 million blocked sites. There were 15 behavioral alerts and 72.4k circumvent attempts. Search term violations numbered 1,184. The policy dashboards provide a more granular view for April 2025. The "bisd-staff" policy recorded 784.27 million transactions, 3.89 million total blocks, 196k application blocks, and 3.82 million blocked sites. There were 195 behavioral alerts and 1,218 circumvent attempts, with 0 search term violations. The "bisd-student" policy showed 1064 million transactions, 51.97 million total blocks, 204k application blocks, and 51.93 million blocked sites. This policy also had 5,520 behavioral alerts, 31 circumvent attempts, and 16.9k search term violations. Finally, the "bisd-guest" policy had 515.13 million transactions, 66.47 million total blocks, 11.77 million application blocks, and 64.83 million blocked sites. It also showed 15 behavioral alerts, 72.4k circumvent attempts, and 1,184 search term violations. Overall, these numbers demonstrate the

system's continuous activity in filtering content, blocking threats, and monitoring user behavior, all of which are essential functions to support a safe and secure online environment for our district's users. [Click here to see the ContentKeeper report for April](#)

Unified Communications

- **Algo Device Configuration:** Assigned IP addresses to Algo 8305s and got them ready to be implemented into our upgraded VoIP (Voice Over IP) environment. Algo 8305s are audio paging devices used for announcements, this allows campus admins to make paging announcements straight from their desk phones.
- **Webex Upgrades:** Completed Webex upgrades for CCI, CCM, COE, CRE, and MES. This ensures that these school locations have the latest version of the Webex communication platform.

Student Services: Dr. Janel Morris

- Bastrop ISD submitted the annual School Health Report to TEA. All requirements were met with 100% fidelity in 2024-25.
- Campus administrators will receive Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals (DITEP) training this summer to enable them to accurately screen students for signs of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and early warning signs of life-threatening symptoms that require immediate medical attention.
- Principals also will select three campus staff to attend medical coverage professional development. These individuals will be able to assist students on days the nurse is off-site; attend field trips to provide medical support for children taking medications, or with health conditions such as asthma, epilepsy, and severe allergic reactions; or help in the event of a school-based emergency. These staff members receive 18 hours of training from registered nurses on medication administration; use of NARCAN, Epi-Pens, and inhalers; responding to students experiencing a life-threatening diabetic crisis or seizure; first aid; CPR; proper use of an AED in the event a person enters cardiac arrest; and treatment of severe bleeding emergencies.
- The Family Resource Center staff provided transportation for approximately 25 CCHS students on Saturday, April 12, 2025 to attend PROMRack in Austin. These young women were able to select a gown, shoes, and jewelry of their choice, at no cost, to attend this once-in-a-lifetime event in style.
- In April 2025, every BISD campus improved its average daily attendance (ADA) compared to April 2024. The "Make Every Day Count!" attendance contest grade band winners were Camino Real Elementary; Bastrop Intermediate; and Cedar Creek High School, whose April 2025 attendance was up to 4% higher than in 2024! This represents a district-wide average of approximately 375 students who were regularly attending classes in the critical weeks leading up to STAAR this year, compared to this same time last year. Thanks to our campuses and families for prioritizing kids coming to school in order to learn, grow, succeed, and prepare for bright futures!
- A total of 312 campus transfer requests were approved for the 2025-26 school year for students meeting the criteria outlined in BISD Policy FDA (Local); BISD Policy FDB (Local); TEC 25.0344; or TEC 29.201. Students must maintain an ADA of 90% or higher, and a good discipline history in order to maintain eligibility throughout the 2025-26 school year.