# Board Report August 2017

### **Curriculum and Instruction**

### **Summer Academies**

Summer Academies across the district have been completed. Some of the topics for summer training have included technology integration, dyslexia training, English Language Proficiency Standards support, cultural awareness, as well as sessions on design of engaging work. Two HISD teachers, Kimberly Bogue and Maria Patino, also completed the Master Reading Teacher Academy at Region 12.

### **New Teacher Academies**

New Teacher Academies for 2017 was held August 3, 4, 8, 9, & 10. 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 take into consideration the new teacher's assigned grade level, it also provides customized training based on teaching experience. All other teachers will report on Monday, August 14 for campus-based staff development.

#### Good to Go Head to Toe

Hillsboro ISD hosted its third annual back to school fair on Saturday, August 12 at Franklin Elementary from 8:00-11:00. This Hillsboro ISD event is to provide families of the district with information regarding health services and school/community resource information with the focus on child education, school registration, free and reduced lunch program, youth programs, health and safety.

## **Restorative Practices**

Monday, August 14, Hillsboro ISD staff received a ½ day training in Restorative Practices from expert Kevin Curtis. The participants learned ways to foster healthy relationships and promote positive discipline in schools.

#### **District Convocation**

District Convocation will be Tuesday, August 15. Our theme this year is "Revvin' Up for Success". Convocation will begin with a breakfast and include a welcome from Mrs. Adams and motivational speaker, Riney Jordan. During the week of August 15 through August 22, members of the C&I team will conduct staff development on each campus that will include information on technology integration, lesson planning, TEKS alignment, ELPS, NWEA, RtI, dyslexia, G.T., and special education.

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