

**INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**January 12, 2014**

**1. Thanks to all who offered their services to the school board. We had an outstanding list of volunteers who would serve, if asked. Thanks to all for your interest in Brackett ISD:**

**Andrea Garcia  
Marc Todino  
Stacie Todino  
Robert Hearne  
Darlene Shahan  
Ricardo Rangel  
Ponce Padron  
Rosario Guzman**

**2. Enrollment continues to climb. Our students are coming to school on a regular basis. ADA is the prime way that school districts earn money for school operations. We had 661 students enrolled as of last Friday.**

**3. The dropout rate has been reduced significantly; before Mr. Newsom and I arrived, the drop out numbers had soared to 14. Today, we have had only 1 drop out. That's a real credit to the high school administration, faculty and support staff.**

**4. My basic initiative during the past few weeks has been to:**

**a. Appoint and organize a Facilities Review Committee that works together with our architect with a final recommendation to the school board on a 10 year plan for building improvements. We have had one meeting to date, this past week, and are scheduled to meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. Tomorrow's session will focus on establishing 5 priorities that should be completed ASAP, and meeting with a financial representative to talk about paying for the project.**

**b. The district improvement plan has been completed, and will be reviewed by the Brackett District Advisory Committee, and will be presented to the Board at the February meeting.**

**c. TEXAS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 2012-13:**

**Texas Education Code Chapter 39 requires each District's board of trustees to publish an annual report that includes performance, campus objective, a report of violent or criminal incidents and information about our graduates from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. THE HEARING MUST BE HEARD ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19 (90 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE COMMISSIONER SENT THE REQUIREMENT TO SUPERINTENDENTS). AFTER THE HEARING, THE DISTRICT MUST MAKE COPIES OF THE ENTIRE REPORT AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL PATRONS.**

**I WILL LIKELY PRESENT THE TAPR ON FEBRUARY 10, SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE.**

5. **STAFF IS RELATIVELY STABLE;** tonight, I will recommend hiring a second special education teacher for Jones Elementary. The numbers have grown, and we have found an excellent teacher.

6. **CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE STUDENTS, THEIR PARENTS AND SCHOOL SPONSORS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE KINNEY COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW.** It was an outstanding event, and I am very proud of our students. One of the major improvements this year was the AG Mechanics Show, where our Vo Ag students presented some excellent projects that they made in their Vo Ag Mechanics class.

7 **Update on Facilities Committee:** We had our first meeting last week, and will meet again tomorrow with the architect and a financial agent. Our goal is to establish priorities and talk about the ways to fund the priorities that are selected. That information will be given to the board in the near future. Our ultimate goal is to recommend to the board a 10 year plan with ways to pay for the improvements along with a time frame for getting the work done.

8. **We're more than half way through the school year with much to be done before the end of year activities. But, we're gaining on the work.**

**Thanks for your support. It has been a pleasure to be back at Brackett ISD for the past year and a half.**

**Taylor Stephenson**