



# Board Agenda Item

	Reports of the Superintendent	Action Item	Consent Agenda	Reports, Routine Monthly	Other
3-23-2026	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Subject:</b>	<p><b>VI. COMMUNICATIONS</b>  <b>A. RECOGNITIONS</b>            1. Honoring Shift 18+ Student Benjamin Landry</p>				
<b>Presenter or Contact Person:</b>	<p><b>Interim Chief of Communications Kristen Escovedo</b></p>				
<b>Policy/Code:</b>	<p>Not applicable.</p>				
<b>Summary:</b>	<p>CHISD student Benjamin Landrey was the epitome of Longhorn Spirit. We all miss him dearly since he passed away on January 8, 2026 at the age of 22.</p> <p>He endured more in his young life than most people will ever face, yet if you knew Benjamin, those were never the first things you thought of. You thought of his smile, laughter, jokes, and determination. Benjamin showed up every day with strength and humor, always choosing joy.</p> <p>At age five, Benjamin survived brain cancer. Eight months of radiation and chemotherapy cured the cancer but resulted in the loss of his eyesight and hearing. His perseverance reframed his teachers' perspective on hard days.</p> <p>Benjamin's legacy extended beyond Cedar Hill ISD where he competed in Special Olympics events including Bowling, Football Skills, Basketball Skills, and Track &amp; Field starting at only eight years old.</p>				

He was also the number one cheerleader and an honorary captain for one of the best college baseball teams in America – the Dallas Baptist University (DBU) Patriots.

Benjamin was a regular at home games at DBU's Horner Ballpark.

Former DBU player Cole Reeves called Benjamin "an amazing blessing to this team" and former DBU player Blayne Jones said Benjamin showed him that there's "more to life than baseball."

Still, Benjamin's spirit remained strong and we know that it still does, as he smiles upon both the CHISD SHIFT 18+ Program and the DBU Patriots Baseball Team.

We are proud and humbled to take this opportunity to honor Benjamin and the legacy that he leaves behind. His courage serves as a reminder of what true strength looks like and his life is proof that spirit is stronger than circumstance.

**Attachments:**

Not applicable.

**Recommendation:**

**Not applicable.**

**Recommended Motion:**

Not applicable.