

Recognitions for January 10 Board Meeting

Sergeant Charles Reiss (pronounced Reese)

On November 18, 2010, Cedar Hill ISD sustained a major burglary at Plummer Elementary School. The crime scene was very extensive and challenging to process. The school district asked for the assistance of the Cedar Hill Police Department in conducting the investigation.

Sergeant Charles Reiss quickly *volunteered* to take the lead on the investigation. He was determined to solve this high profile case that had immediately attracted extensive media attention. He worked for several hours developing leads and identifying potential suspects. He even came in on his day off and worked the entire shift to develop a person of interest.

Sergeant Reiss's determination and commitment resulted in the arrest of two suspects by the end of the week. His quick and effective work allowed for several of the stolen items to be recovered.

CHISD is very grateful to be able to honor Sergeant Charles Reiss for his unselfish service to our students and staff.

Lieutenant Steve Lafferty

Lieutenant Steve Lafferty also distinguished himself during this complex situation. He quickly stepped up to act as a professional consultant on this case. He took the initiative to personally contact the District Attorney's office and the Dallas County Sheriff's office to insure that both agencies were fully involved from the beginning. He was an integral part of the criminal investigation and worked behind the scenes with the CHISD PD to focus and expedite the investigative process. His work will be critical to the prosecution of the perpetrators.

CHISD is likewise indebted to Lt. Steve Rafferty for his expert police work on behalf of the district.