

ON BOARD

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Board approves tax decrease

Property owners will see a decrease in their school tax rate this year because of action taken by the state legislature in its last session.

Director of Finance John Walker explained that House Bill 3 required districts to lower rates. Previously, CISD was at the maximum rate of \$1.17. The required tax compression lowered the maintenance and operation rate to \$1.06835 with a principal and interest on debt rate of \$0.37493. The total tax rate approved by the Board was \$1.44328 per \$100 evaluation — a \$0.09602 decrease.

District, CHS receive B rating

In the State's highly anticipated A-F accountability ratings, CISD and CHS received a B, improving from last year's rating of C.

The ratings of two campuses, Commerce Middle School and A. C. Williams Elementary, have resulted in a targeted support designation from the Texas

Education Agency. This designation comes with prescribed intervention requirements, including the hiring of a District Coordinator of School Improvement (DCSI). The DCSI oversees the process and plans implementation on the targeted campus. The needs assessment and planning process is conducted in partnership, with the DCSI/Principal Supervisor and principal working collaboratively with the campus principal and leadership team to facilitate the steps in the process. All intervention activities are aligned with the Effective Schools Framework, which is the Texas Education Agency's framework for continuous improvement. This framework consists of four levers: strong school leadership and planning; effective, well-supported teachers; positive school culture; and effective instruction.

CISD Board members toured the new FACE (Family and Community Engagement) Center prior to their meeting. The center has bathrooms with showers and washers and dryers for student needs. Parent and grandparent classes can be held there. The Carevide health clinic operates two days a week for student immunizations and illnesses.



Assistant Superintendent Patricia Tremmel (left) and Board member Etta Herring inspected the new showers at the FACE Center. Above left, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Kathleen Hooten and Randy Starks, along with Director of Health Services, Kathy Myers, view the exam rooms at Carevide, which is housed at the FACE Center.



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In other business...

The CISD Business Office received the highest rating possible from the TEA. Scoring 94 out of 100 points, the District received an A or Superior FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating. Superintendent Charlie Alderman congratulated Director of Finance John Walker on his department's achievement, which bettered last year's rating.

The Board also:

- Accepted certification of 2019 appraisal rolls,
- Reviewed student handbooks,
- Nominated John Sands as a candidate for the Board of Directors for Hunt County Appraisal District, and
- Employed Tara Tran, ACW teacher; and Brad Swain, CMS teacher; and John Hill, Tri County diagnostician.

Superintendent Alderman reported enrollment of 1511 as of August 19, which was up from the first day of school by 65 students. Last year's top enrollment was 1544 in May.

BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 · 3315 Washington

Mon 9/16

Mon 10/21

Mon 11/18

Mon 12/16

Tues 1/21

Mon 2/17

Thurs 3/19

Mon 4/20

Mon 5/18

Mon 6/28

