

# ON BOARD

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*Junior Alexis Morgan was recognized for her fifth place finish at the UIL state pole vault competition last spring. Superintendent Charlie Alderman presented the certificate.*

## BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 · 3315 Washington

Mon . . . . . 9/17

Mon . . . . . 10/15

Thurs . . . . 11/15

Mon . . . . . 12/17



## Board revises drug testing policy

The Board unanimously approved a revised drug testing policy for 7th–12th grade students who participate in extracurricular activities, including parking on campus. The new policy, according to Superintendent Charlie Alderman, focuses on parental awareness and will be used as a vehicle to deter drug use.

Administrators will hold meetings in September with students in the testing pool and their parents to explain the process, procedures and consequences of a positive test. Parents will be asked to sign a drug testing authorization.

Testing will begin in October for all students in the testing pool. Random testing will be conducted once every nine-week grading period.

Consequences range from a 14-day suspension from activities and community service for a first offense to suspension from activities for one calendar year for a third offense. Students will be allowed to practice with their teams during suspension.

Counseling and education are the cornerstone of the program, according to Alderman. Texas A&M University-Commerce will offer drug counseling for students that test positive.

Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, associate professor in the Department of Counseling at TAMU-C and also a CISD Board member, and other certified drug counselors will offer the counseling component of the program, which will be conducted at no cost to the district or student.

The first CISD drug policy was instituted in the 2013-2014 school year but not used after that time. Due to issues with the former testing company, CISD will be using a new testing company.



*Ryan Scott (right), a reporter for The Commerce Journal, was recognized for his fair and accurate reporting of CISD events. He was presented a certificate recognizing his inclusion in the TASB Media Honor Roll.*



**INDUCTION CEREMONY  
& LUNCHEON**

*Chris Elliott · Harry Turner  
Scott Williams · Wyman Williams*

**Friday, September 7, Noon**

Tickets available through September 4  
at the CISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St.

**COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Click on graphic above for a link  
to the *Commerce Journal* story.

## District receives C accountability rating

TEA released district ratings from its A-F accountability measures for 2017 – 2018. Commerce ISD received a C rating, which TEA Commissioner Mike Morath said was proficient. All campuses met standard.

Superintendent Alderman said the ratings were directly related to the socio-economic level of each district. Districts receiving A's have a high socio-economic level and those with a low socio-economic level received D's and F's.

Leading the public hearing on ratings, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Patricia Tremmel said that principals already have plans in place to address issues surfacing in the recent STAAR testing results, including additional training on understanding ratings and scoring.

More information can be found at [TXSchools.org](http://TXSchools.org).

## In other Board action...

- Accepted resignation from Robert Urbanski, CES teacher
- Employed Nancy Rodgers and Stephenia Erwin, CES teachers; Sonja Virden, CMS teacher; Abigail Kruckenberg, CHS teacher; and Michelle Mayo, district library/media coordinator.
- Approved TASB Update 111 including policies BBD, CAA, CIA, DEA, DHE, DI and FEA
- Approved a waiver request for out-of-district transportation interlocal agreement between Campbell and Commerce ISDs.
- Received annual review of investment policy and investment strategies from Director of Finance John Walker

## Superintendent's report...

- Enrollment is 1515, up from this time last year
- Hall of Honor induction ceremony and luncheon will be held on September 7 at CISD Administration Building. Four graduates – Chris Elliott, Harry Turner, Scott Williams and Wyman – will be honored. Tickets available through September 4 at CISD Administration Building or call 903 886-3755 and ask for Kathy Logan. Tickets are \$15 each for the noon luncheon.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, September 17 with the regular meeting at 7 p.m., at the Central Administration Building.