

a look back at March 2020

# Tomball *talk*

Tomball ISD ... not just a district, a destination.





# Tomball Talk

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## SCHOOLMESSENGER

SchoolMessenger allows you to personalize communications from your school or district.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT SCHOOLMESSENGER

Unsure whether you are opted-in or opted-out for text alerts from Tomball ISD?

**Text HELP to 67587.**



### WHAT IS *Tomball Talk*?

*Tomball Talk* is a monthly eNewsletter for Tomball ISD. Each issue will highlight the previous month's top headlines as well as awards, events and accomplishments.

### SUBMIT IDEAS / NOMINATE

Email

[communications@tomballisd.net](mailto:communications@tomballisd.net)  
to submit ideas or to nominate an individual for a feature in next month's *Tomball Talk* by April 16.



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# GET TO ..... KNOW **TOMBALL ISD**

NOT JUST A DISTRICT, A DESTINATION



**Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora**  
Superintendent of Schools

3rd Year as Superintendent  
6th Year Overall in TISD

## OUR LEADER + EXECUTIVE TEAM

**Dr. Amy Schindewolf**  
Chief Academic Officer

**Jim Ross**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Jeff McCanna**  
Chief of Human Talent

**Dr. Steven Gutierrez**  
Chief Operating Officer

**Dr. Valerie Petrzeka**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Elementary Schools

**Dr. Rick Fernandez**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Secondary Schools

**Dr. Michael Webb**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Student Support

**Nefertari Mundy**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Strategic Initiatives

**Mark White**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Accountability & Governmental Relations

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Tomball ISD** is governed by an elected seven-member board. School Board members are guardians of the public trust and, through the policies they make, are ultimately responsible for the success or failure of local public education. The board serves as the advocate for educational excellence for the community's youth and puts those interests first. The policies school boards make dictate the standards and philosophy by which schools are run and the criteria used to judge whether they are being run well.



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President  
Position 2



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Vice President  
Position 5



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Secretary  
Position 1



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Assistant Secretary  
Position 7



**Mark Lewandowski**  
Trustee  
Position 4



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Trustee  
Position 3



**Justin Unser**  
Trustee  
Position 6



## ABOUT US

Tomball Independent School District is a highly regarded public school system with a reputation for excellence. It serves over 18,000 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 across 20 campuses.

Tomball ISD takes pride in its progressive instructional programs and maintains a strong foundation of guiding principles, beliefs, and a visionary mission of the future.

Tomball ISD encompasses 83 square miles in northwest Harris County and southwest Montgomery County, and is located 30 miles from downtown Houston.

Tomball and its school district are unique because of their heritage, traditions, and hometown appeal. Parents choose Tomball ISD because of the district's unwavering commitment to high student achievement characterized by quality instruction, equality of opportunities and resources, demonstrated results, strong parental involvement and community support. In Tomball ISD, we believe our students are leading in "Creating the Future!"

## VISION

Tomball ISD students will lead in creating the future.

## MISSION

Tomball ISD educates students to become responsible, productive citizens by providing innovative, individually rigorous, and personally valuable educational experiences.

## GOALS

1. Tomball ISD will develop, continuously enhance and utilize rigorous college, career, and life ready curriculum that is responsive to the needs of individual learners.
2. Tomball ISD will provide multiple sources of high quality academic content that infuses technology in learning experiences and instruction.
3. Tomball ISD will attract, develop and retain high quality staff through a well –defined, personally valuable professional development plan and support structure.
4. Tomball ISD will foster a culture of caring and compassionate educators to provide a supportive learning environment.
5. Tomball ISD will promote academic success by engaging students through real world experiences while cultivating independent thinking and creative problem solving.
6. Tomball ISD will prepare our graduates to succeed in the college/career path of their choice.
7. Tomball ISD will promote an emotionally and physically safe and secure learning environment.
8. Tomball ISD will be fiscally responsible while meeting the educational and facility needs of the students.
9. Tomball ISD will inspire students to develop and exhibit character traits that are reflective of community standards.
10. Tomball ISD will actively engage and involve parents and the community.



# WHY TOMBALL?



**BACK-TO-BACK  
HIGHEST  
RATED  
SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**  
*in NW Harris County*

**A**

2018-19

**A**

2017-18

\*new A-F rating system



**18,000+**  
STUDENT ENROLLMENT



**20**  
CAMPUSES



**TAX RATE: \$1.29**



**25**  
CTE PATHWAYS



**RANKED #1**  
FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY  
BY TXSMARTSCHOOLS



**6.4% GROWTH**  
IN STUDENT POPULATION



## REPUTATION OF EXCELLENCE

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATIONS

HIGHLY RATED

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

SMALLER SCHOOL COMMUNITY

ENGAGED FAMILIES

A DESTINATION

DISTRICT OF INNOVATION

STATE-OF-THE-ART STADIUM COMING SOON



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# FROM DR. Z



## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGES

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March 31, 2020

Tomball ISD Family,

In Tomball ISD, we will continue to do our part in supporting the nation's call to help stop the spread of COVID-19 within our community. With that, I wanted to inform you that today Tomball ISD has made the difficult decision to ***remain closed until further notice***.

This decision comes in response to the new executive order by Texas Governor Greg Abbott on Tuesday to extend the closure of all Texas schools. During this time, we will continue to provide instruction via our remote learning model.

As a District, we plan to reevaluate this situation in the future and discuss what is best for our community moving forward. We will continue to communicate updates and will clearly inform staff, students and parents of when/if we will return to normal operations.


Again, you can access the necessary tools to remain actively engaged in our remote learning activities by visiting our Remote Learning Resources website.

As this fluid situation continues, I want to extend my gratitude to your family during this time. Thank you for continuing to be patient with us as we rolled out our remote learning plans and please know that because of your trust in this process, we will get through this together.

Another update regarding our grading process moving forward will be released this week so please be on the lookout for that.

I miss you all. Stay safe and healthy.

Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora  
Superintendent of Schools



**Tomball ISD to remain closed while  
providing remote learning instruction**

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**#TISDWeGotThis**



# REMOTE LEARNING



## Remote Learning Resources

Resources for Families & Educators during this time of extended remote learning



On occasions when it is necessary to close schools, Tomball ISD is committed to making every effort to ensure that students have the opportunity to remain engaged in their learning.

## [READ MORE ABOUT REMOTE LEARNING](#)



[Parent/ Student Remote Learning Academic Resources](#)



[Remote Learning Resources for Staff](#)



[Social Emotional Learning Resources](#)

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## RICKY DOERRE | THS, '81 CAPTAIN, TOMBALL POLICE DEPARTMENT

He's on the front lines every day protecting the community and does it with pride for his hometown of Tomball.

Captain of the Tomball Police Department, Ricky Doerre is a native of Tomball and graduated from Tomball High School in 1981.

For Doerre, Tomball isn't just a community he serves, it's home.

"My family has been in the community for well over 100 years with my grandparents and parents both being members of the Tomball community and students of TISD. I, as well as my wife Cindy, and our two kids, all graduated from TISD," he said.

Doerre attended Keefer Street Elementary, Cherry Street Intermediate, Tomball Junior High and Tomball High School. Following his grade school years in Tomball, he went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree from Midwestern State University in Applied Arts and Science.

Following that, he was a 1989 graduate of the Captain Clint Peoples Regional Police Academy in Conroe Texas and immediately began working in law enforcement. Doerre served five years with Montgomery County before becoming a member of the Tomball Police Department in 1994.

As a service-minded person, Doerre knew from the beginning that working in law enforcement was the right path for him.

"I was looking for an environment in which I had the opportunity to assist others in a time of need, to make a positive impact, to give back to those who gave so much to me and to be the voice for the weak or oppressed," he said. "I was looking for a hands-on, interactive, action-based profession."

His career has challenged him and provided him an opportunity to protect and serve. Captain Doerre also holds a Master's Peace Officers Certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education; is a Certified Police and Firearms Instructor; and Advanced Accident Investigator and a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy - 219th Session, and Leadership North Houston Class #7.

"This job has brought new challenges, rewards and excitement. I could not have chosen a better profession. The rewards of a law enforcement career have far outweighed the sacrifices that my family and I have made over my 30-year career."

While serving the Tomball community, Doerre has had the opportunity to serve alongside Tomball Independent School District in a variety of roles.

"I was first introduced to TISD as a DARE officer (Drug Abuse Resistance Officer), transitioned into a Student Resource Officer (SRO) and lastly I currently serve as the police department liaison assisting administration with both TISD and the Tomball Police Department providing direct insight and oversight of TPD Administrative Services and TISD Campus Security Measures," Doerre said.

Having grown up in TISD schools, Doerre understands the value the district and community places on the relationship with local law enforcement.

"The experience has always been one of trust and transparency, one in which security is a priority and the students' best interests are always in mind. I have always found TISD to be very receptive and responsive to the needs of their students, faculty and community; collectively TPD and TISD have worked together over the years to provide an environment that is conducive to learning and where safety measures are always a priority."

Doerre's connection to Tomball is more than just serving with the Tomball Police Department. It's his connection as a long-time resident, liaison for Tomball ISD and his love for his hometown that affords him the opportunity to make a direct and immediate impact each and every day.

"For me, it's all about the interaction I have with our community members on a daily basis that makes this profession worthwhile."

Whether it's living or serving in this community, Doerre has enormous respect for the citizens and the community in which he calls home.

It's the culture and environment that existed with both old and new members of the community that makes this place so special," he said. "Tomball is known for its traditions, acceptance, diversity, community development and the commitment to preserve a way of life that is based on the development of the family unit, faith, quality education and community involvement."

And for Doerre, he wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

"For these reasons, Tomball is called "The Hometown with a Heart" and is a place that you want to raise a family, live, work and play. Tomball offers an environment that is conducive to all of the above and I'm happy to call Tomball home."





# DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

## CLASS OF 2020 UPDATES

Tomball ISD will provide updates for the Class of 2020 from Tomball High School and Tomball Memorial High School while schools are closed.

[CLICK HERE FOR UPDATES](#)



## TWO-WAY DUAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL APRIL 10

Tomball ISD's Two-Way Dual Language Academy, located at Rosehill Elementary, is still accepting applications.

Deadline to apply has been extended to April 10.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL RESOURCES WHILE WE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Tomball ISD Counselors have come together to identify social emotional resources for families.

These resources range from new routine suggestions, ways to help kids worried about COVID-19 as well as advanced resources for college and career-bound students.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)



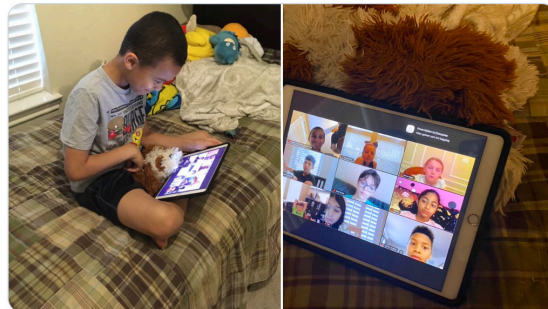
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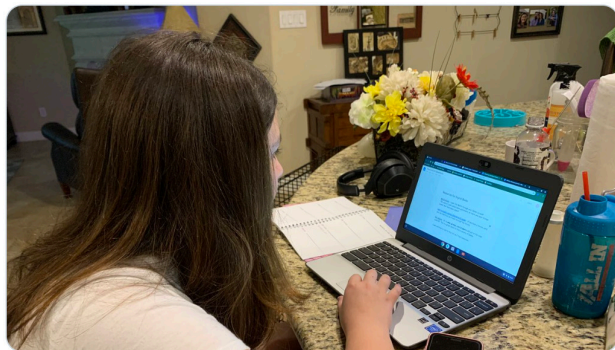
**Martha SalazarZamora** @m\_salazarzamora · Mar 16  
 L♥VE our @TomballISD administrative team that is working together this morning for the betterment of all of our students. Our first fully virtual Administrative Team meeting going on right now. Stay tuned for more information. #TeamTomball #remotelearning #DestinationExcellence



**Dr. Robert Long, III** @DrRLong3 · Mar 19  
 Thank You @TomballISD and Willowcreek Elementary for providing on-line instruction in the form of zoom calls! My son was so excited to learn with his classmates! #coronavirus #COVID19 #blendedlearning #txed #thefutureoftxedishere



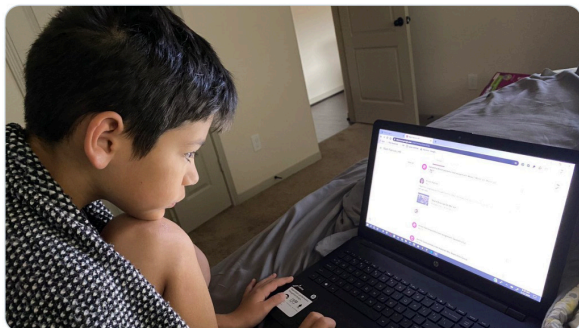
**Rebecca Jones** @kiddojns · 23h  
 Getting remote school work done! #DestinationExcellence #TISDWeGotThis @TISDOIS @TomballISD



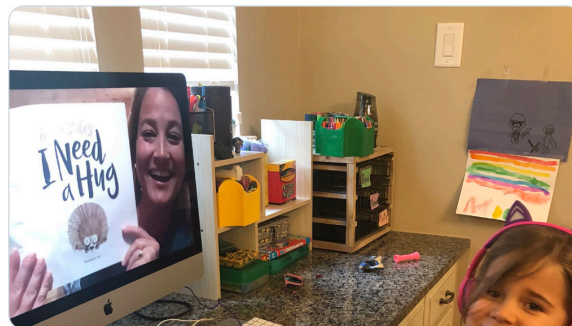
**Jeff McCanna** @jeff\_mccanna · Mar 16  
 Blessed to be on #TeamTomball and led by the amazing @m\_salazarzamora ! Kids are our first and most important priority! #ServantLeader #DestinationExcellence



**Melissa Richards** @WES\_MrsRichards · Mar 23  
 One of the early birds in the house is awake. Remote learning means we can do math in bed! #TISDWeGotThis



**Kristina Coen** @houstoncoen · 21h  
 Story time with the wonderful @cpeshoward @TISDCPES my kindergartener loved so much she asked to watch it again. #TISDWeGotThis





# #TISDWE GOT THIS



**Jennie Z. Carr** @jenniezcar · 18h

Creekside Forest Elementary School started off our week of distance learning with a Teacher and Staff Parade through the neighborhood. My kids were excited to see these awesomely dedicated educators roll by this morning! @TomballISD @NPR @HPMEducation @lauraisensee @abc13houston



0:31 617 views



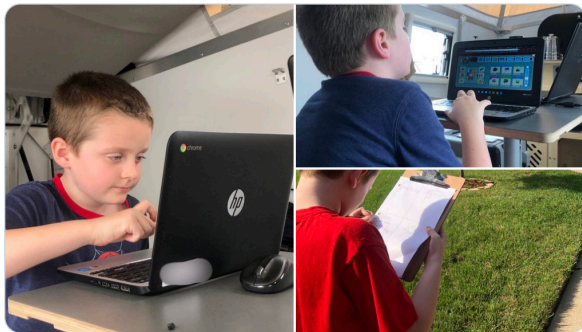
**Tomball ISD** @TomballISD · Mar 17

Free curbside meal service going on now @TISDTHS, if you can't make it today the service is available tomorrow beginning at 8:00 am. #DestinationExcellence #FlattenTheCurve



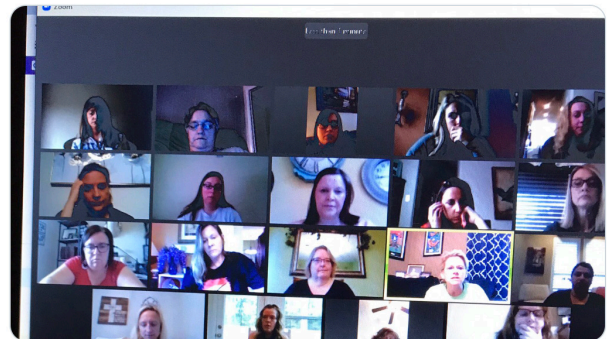
**Candice** @WESchuffman · 14h

First remote learning day at home was a success! Connor chose to do his lessons/activities in the camping trailer, and he loved his 3D shape scavenger hunt. @TISDWES #TISDWeGotThis



**Jackie MacPhee** @TCESAchieve · 1h

Meeting to plan for continued remote learning.



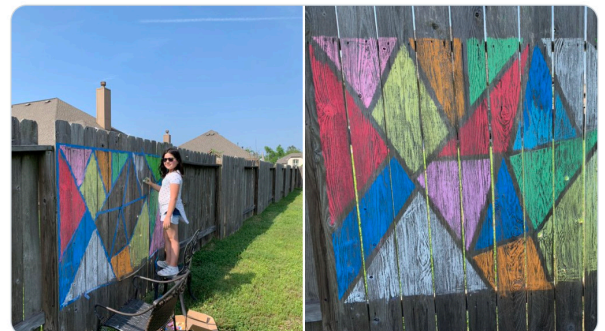
**Kristina Cox** @kris\_cox\_kids · 31m

Lakewood's Joy Journey was a huge ray of sunshine during this time of separation ☀️❤️ @TISDLES1 #TeamTomball @TomballISD #teacher #Kinder



**hector silva** @hectorasilva · Mar 24

Art class today at Casa de Silva. @TomballISD @TISDTHS #destinationexcellence #WeGotThis #TogetherApart #Texas #StayHome #art





# #TISDWE GOT THIS



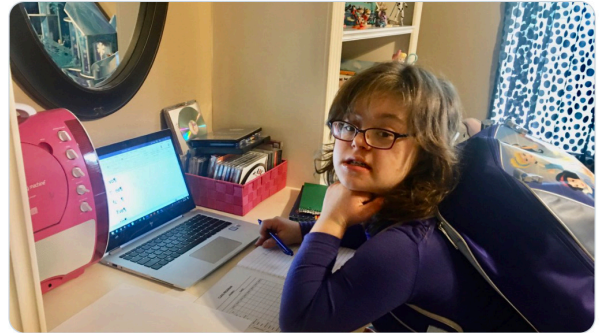
**Charles Hall** @BaylorCharles · Mar 24

Thank you @TomballISD teachers from Decker Prairie Elementary for brightening our day. #TISDWeGotThis #DPESstrong



**Dr. Lee Ann Nutt** @NuttsForTomball · Mar 26

My daughter inspires me. She misses her friends and teachers, but is eager to learn. Thank you @TISDTJHS and @TomballISD. #EveryoneCan



**Candice** @MrsCturner · Mar 27

Reminiscing over all the sweet faces and smiles I got to see during the DPES drive by Prairie Parade earlier this week. I miss being in the classroom with my kids! @TomballISD



**Rosehill Elementary** @TISDRES · 12h

Celebrating National Crayon Day wearing our favorite colors! #resmagic #TISDWeGotThis



Canyon Pointe Elementary Retweeted

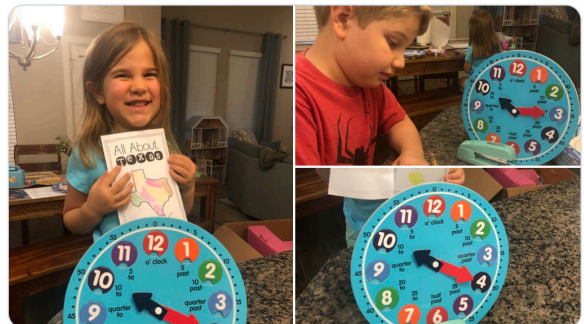
**Brenda Becerril** @MrsBecerrilCPES · 37m

Learning remotely in her pj's! @TISDCPES #TISDwegotthis



**Kristina Coen** @houstoncoen · 22h

Math and social studies in the Coen house this morning. @TISDCPES #tellingtimetuesday #TISDWeGotThis





# #TISDWE GOT THIS



**CPJH Choirs** @CPJHChoirs · 14h

Tuesday morning schoolwork for all (except Lily pup)! @TomballISD @TISDCPJHS @TISDCES @CPJH\_MathDept @MissKhoobiarCES #TISDWeGotThis



**Jesse Javillonar** @THS\_libraryyy · Mar 30

@TISDTHS, the #StayAtHome Reading section has been updated with more free eBook sources. Check it out to find your next read for this week! Link: [tinyurl.com/uhzfn7g](https://tinyurl.com/uhzfn7g)



**haley galyean** @haley\_galyean · 23h

This is what remote learning with a 3 year old looks like. We've counted, practiced fine motor skills with our rice bin, and watched a video about space. 🥰💙 #TISDWeGotThis @TomballISD @TISDEarly



**Martha SalazarZamora** @m\_salazarzamora · Mar 30

No Superintendent in the nation knows exactly what to do, but during these unprecedented times I simply want to say THANK Y♥️U! Thanks to our teachers and staff @TomballISD. My eyes tear up thinking of all that you are doing for our students. Remember Team Tomball #WeGotThis ♥️



**Candice** @WESchuffman · Mar 25

Day 3 of remote learning from home! 💙💙 #TISDWeGotThis @TISDWES



**Kelly Moore** @Mrs\_Moore\_TCES · Mar 30

Nature Art 🌿🍌🍌



# CONNECTED PODCAST



ConnectED Podcast with Dr. Z features special guests in a monthly episode that provides valuable insight into Tomball ISD and how it's defining excellence in education and connecting with the community.

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HUMAN TALENT**

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SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING**

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TOMBALL THROUGH TIME**

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PLC PROCESS**

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STUDENT AMBASSADORS**