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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT NEW BEGINNINGS

Welcome back Indians! After a very restful, productive holiday break, it's time to kick off the second half of the 2022-2023 school year. I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful break and got to enjoy plenty of time with friends, family, and loved ones. Taking a step back to create memories with the ones we love can be incredibly grounding, and leaves us feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the year ahead.

Last issue, we did a lot of looking back at all we accomplished in the year prior. While December often represents a time for reflection, January presents the opportunity to look forward. Resolutions are being made, goals are being planned, and a sense of eagerness to improve is in the air. Cleveland ISD is no different, and I'd like to reiterate our Executive Leadership goals as we transition into the 2023 calendar year.

### LEADERSHIP GOALS

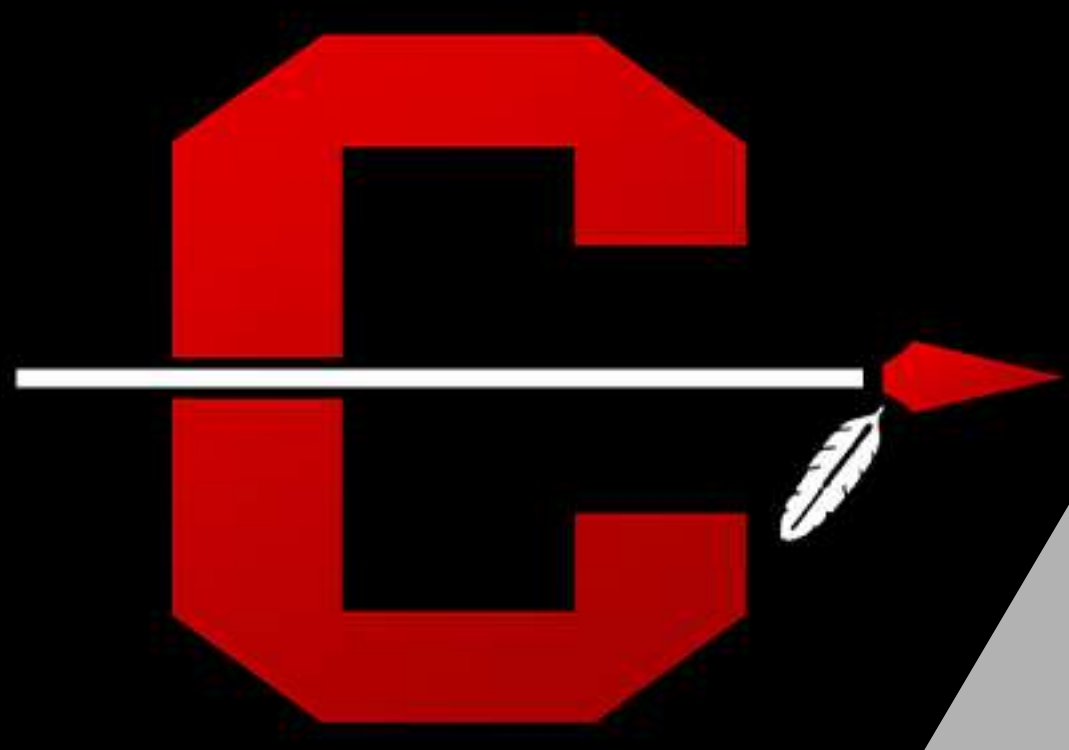
- ◆ **Ensure quality instructional delivery** by supporting teachers and providing needed resources
- ◆ **Attract & retain dedicated, quality staff** by offering competitive benefits, pay, and retention bonuses
- ◆ **Provide beneficial, quality professional learning** through district-led sessions and the CISD Staff University
- ◆ **Strengthen communications** with parents, businesses, staff and students
- ◆ **Increase financial efficiency** to maximize effective use of district funds

I've worked closely with my cabinet and members of executive leadership to carefully craft these goals. We will work day in and day out to ensure these goals are reached and even surpassed. As we look toward the future, I remain immensely proud to serve as the leader of this amazing district. I am thrilled to see the growth we will all experience over the course of this next year!

As always, thank you for playing your part in making Cleveland ISD the best district in Texas.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. McCanless  
Superintendent of Schools



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## HIGHLIGHTS

◆ **ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE** - Did you know that if your child misses just two days of school per month, that adds up to missing 10% or more of the entire school year? Irregular attendance often can cause a significant impact on a student's education. With the start of the second half of the 22-23 school year, Cleveland ISD is starting a brand new initiative to encourage higher student attendance. Lunch with the Superintendent!

For the month of January, the students on each campus with the highest attendance rates will have a chance to win a special field trip to our Central Office, where they can enjoy an exclusive catered lunch with Superintendent McCanless and Dr. Skinner, our Deputy Superintendent! This is our way of rewarding those students that make it a point to come to school each day and give it their all. Make sure your kids make it to school every day so they get a chance to take part in this exciting challenge!

## IMPORTANT DATES

**THURSDAY JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
Second Semester Begins.

**MONDAY JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
MLK Holiday. District Closed.

**FRI-MON FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
President's Day Holiday. District Closed.

## OUTREACH

◆ **RETIREE EXTRAVAGANZA** - Retirement is an incredibly exciting milestone for many people. It's a chance to celebrate your many years of service and the passion and dedication you've put into your craft. For some, while retirement is nice, it can also come with a certain longing to come back and visit from time to time. That's why we were so thrilled to host our second annual Retiree Open House just before our holiday break!

The Retiree Open House is a chance for all of our district retirees to come back and regain that special feeling they had when they worked for the district. Our retired guests were able to return and enjoy some treats and refreshments while reminiscing with old friends and colleagues. This is such a special event for all of us here at Cleveland, as it allows us to take a step back and see how far we've come. It provides a chance to thank our amazing teachers and faculty members that have made an impact on us over the years. So, from all of us here at CISD - THANK YOU to our retirees for celebrating with us! We hope to see you again for many years to come!



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## GALLERY

