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*We're dedicated to*  
**BRINGING**  
*out*  
**THE BEST**  
*in every student.*



OPPORTUNITY *for* ALL.

2023-2024  
STATE *of the* DISTRICT





Welcome to your destination district! Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is a large suburban school district with a close-knit community, known for Bringing Out the Best in each student!

Complete with a first-class education, robust extra- and co-curricular programs, and safe and cutting-edge facilities built with

# OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

community-approved bond funds, CFISD is proud to be the cornerstone of Cypress, a thriving Greater Houston suburb.

We are excited to welcome you in 2023-2024 as we continue to provide ***Opportunity for All!***

# From the SUPERINTENDENT

When my wife, Cindy, and I moved to the Cypress community in 2011, we knew we had found a special place—but we didn't know how special! Eventually our children planted roots, our grandchildren attended CFISD schools and we built our forever home here.

I think that you will find a similar attraction to our school district and community, which are intertwined. CFISD adds value to local businesses, faith-based organizations and home builders, which enhances population growth and the need for more quality schools and programs for our students.

CFISD has something for every student—from rigorous pre-K and elementary curriculum that prepares students for the next level, to extracurricular programs, career and technical education courses and College Academy courses that propel secondary students into postsecondary success. Students from every background receive the same quality education in top-tier facilities—this is **Opportunity for All!**

I am proud to conclude my educational career here as I retire after 42 years in education in December 2023. Long after I step down, the proud traditions of this great school district will live on. Please enjoy this State of the District booklet which will give you a glimpse of how CFISD is Bringing Out the Best in 2023-2024.

Sincerely,



Mark Henry, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



# From the BOARD PRESIDENT

Welcome to Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, a very special part of Texas where you have chosen to raise your family and meet your educational needs. Along with our superintendent, Dr. Mark Henry, our Board of Trustees have helped steer the state's third-largest district through three rather complex years and the team is eager to embrace the opportunities of 2023-2024.

Our Board shares and believes in Dr. Henry's vision of **Opportunity for All**. No matter where you visit in CFISD, you will see amazing facilities, rigorous and relevant shared curriculum, cutting-edge technology, and enticing extracurricular activities. For several decades CFISD has been judged to be among the best in Texas for being effective and efficient.

Our vision is "Learn – Empower – Achieve – Dream (LEAD)!" We believe students deserve the absolute best educational experience which will stand them in good stead whether they pursue college, a career in the workforce or the military. This is reflected in our newly updated Portrait of a Graduate.

In 1980 we chose to move our family to the Cy-Fair community because of its impressive educational opportunities. We chose to remain because this is where we wanted to raise our children and live. Hindsight tells us that we made the right decision.

Sincerely,



Tom Jackson  
Board of Trustees President

# OPPORTUNITY IS *here!*

Dynamic facilities, advanced curriculum and extensive extracurricular and cocurricular offerings are among the perks for CFISD families who choose to be a part of the flourishing community of Cypress in northwest Harris County.

95 campuses

118,500+ students

3<sup>RD</sup>-LARGEST district in Texas

12 High Schools

20 Middle Schools

5 Special Program Facilities

21<sup>ST</sup>-LARGEST district in the U.S.

58 Elementary Schools



CFISD serves 120,000 meals per day - more than twice the daily output of the Houston Food Bank



School buses traveled the equivalent of 401.5 times around the globe in 2022-2023 (10 million total miles)



90% of CFISD's 186 square miles are built out—an area that could fit College Station three times over!



CFISD earned nearly \$458,000 in energy management rebates in 22-23—enough to cool Minute Maid Park for two seasons!





CFISD continues to accommodate growth with new campuses funded by the 2019 bond referendum. Our 58th elementary school, Brosnahan Elementary, opened near Clay and Fry roads in August. We also opened our 20th middle school, Sprague Middle School, which is part of the multi-campus educational village with Bridgeland High School and Wells Elementary School.

Visual and Performing Arts Center



The impressive Visual and Performing Arts Center will open in the 2023-2024 school year near Cy-Fair High School, on the site of the new Mark Henry, Ed.D. Administration Building that opened in 2022-2023.

Our sixth transportation center, the Jarvis Transportation Center, opened near Spillane Middle School over the summer, and will alleviate bus routes while housing a first-of-its-kind training center for drivers to hone their craft.

Bond funds also enabled the district to revitalize and secure existing campuses. CFISD devoted \$141.923 million to 18 summer renovation projects in 2023.

CFISD will complete the final phase of baseball and softball facility upgrades including turf field replacement at all 12 high schools this fall with new fields at Cy-Fair High School.

Sprague Middle School



Jarvis Transportation Center



Elementary Renovations



# Safety



CFISD maintains its reputation of being a safety and security leader across the state and nation. In April, Navigate360 presented CFISD with a District Excellence in School Safety & Student Wellness designation—one of only eight districts nationwide to earn this award.

Now in its 12th year, the CFISD police department has expanded to 116 fully commissioned, well-trained officers with four K-9s that specialize in narcotics and gunpowder / explosives detection. The Ben Bradley Police Headquarters is currently undergoing expansion that will conclude this school year.

Due to the bond, classroom phones are now in every classroom districtwide, and a police vehicle replacement schedule is two-thirds complete.

The district's mental health intervention team (MHIT), comprised of four licensed professional counselors, two licensed psychologists and two mental health police officers, continues to provide a proactive, targeted, and safe approach to dealing with mental health issues in CFISD. Positive relationships between the counselors and students have been instrumental in deterring potential situations.

CFPD leadership continually evaluates and implements new safety initiatives, including the "Text a Tip" campaign—which allows district students, staff and community to text "CFISD" to 738477 in order to quickly reach the anonymous CFISD Tipline.

The 2019 bond program dedicated \$207.6 million to even more safety and security enhancements, including:

- ◆ Segmentation of open-concept floor plans in elementary schools;
- ◆ Fencing around portable buildings and playgrounds;
- ◆ Impact-resistant glass on doors and high-traffic areas;
- ◆ Secure vestibule enhancements;
- ◆ Replacement of classroom door hardware;
- ◆ Addition of door prop alarms; and
- ◆ Additional lockdown buttons and card reader access locks.

# TECHNOLOGY

More than \$238 million from CFISD's 2019 bond package was devoted to technology.

The first phase of CFISD's LTE 1:1 program successfully delivered more than 115,000 Chromebooks to every student. The second phase of the project is now underway, replacing approximately 40,000 aging laptops that were already in the district prior to the start of the 1:1 program.

Teacher laptops and Promethean panels are also undergoing replacements as a result of the bond.

Lightspeed audio enhancement systems have been replaced districtwide in elementary and middle school campuses, with high school replacements scheduled to start in the fall of 2023. Students are hearing their teachers more clearly, enhancing their ability to learn!



# COMMUNITY *Relations*

The 10th annual Superintendent's Fun Run shattered previous fundraising marks for the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation, generating \$210,000 in a fun community event that has become a community tradition each year. After additional donations, the Fun Run eclipsed more than \$1 million raised for student scholarships in a decade!

Business and faith-based partners give back to the school district in many ways, including "Adopt-a-School partnerships" that pair an organization with a campus and provide resources and support. CFISD created 21 new Adopt-a-School partnerships in 2022-2023.



# FINANCE

## FIRST-YEAR TEACHER SALARY COMPARISON\*

SCHOOL DISTRICT	STARTING SALARY
KATY	\$62,400
<b>CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS</b>	<b>\$62,000</b>
ALIEF	\$62,000
HOUSTON	\$61,500
ALDINE	\$61,000
TOMBALL	\$60,500
KLEIN	\$60,000
FORT BEND	\$59,500

\*As of August 22, 2023

CFISD passed a budget providing staff raises for the 12th straight year. In addition to the 3% raise, the starting teacher salary was elevated to \$62,000, making CFISD a destination district for rookie educators.

ADMINISTRATIVE  
EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT FOR  
**ONLY 1.8%**  
OF THE  
OPERATING BUDGET.

**20%** OPTIONAL  
HOMESTEAD  
EXEMPTION

PLUS \$40,000  
STATE EXEMPTION



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

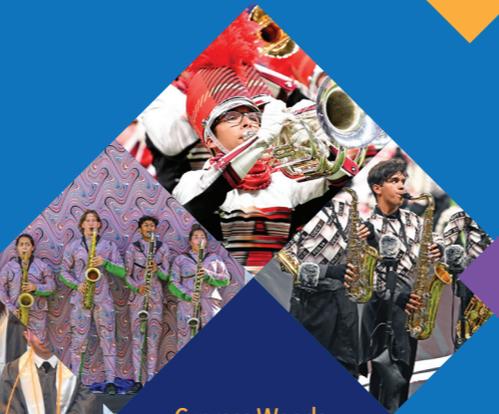
CFISD students continue to achieve on the highest level!



CFISD Livestock Show generates more than \$760,000 for student projects



537 students graduated from the 2022 CFISD and LSC-CyFair College Academy class



Cypress Woods, Bridgeland and Cy-Fair marching bands qualify for UIL State Marching Band competition

Cypress Woods HS swimmer Benjamin Scholl: 2x state champion (50 freestyle and 100 freestyle)



CFISD Exhibit Center dedicated in honor of longtime supporters Mike & Darlene Jarrar



Bridgeland HS One-Act Play, Henry Lumper: state runner-up



Class of 2023 graduates appointed to service academies



515 National Merit Scholars / College Board Recognition Scholars recognized in 2023



Cypress Ridge HS track & field athlete Rylee Hampton: state champion (100 hurdles)



Langham Creek HS track & field athlete Alex Ornelas: state champion (300 hurdles)



# COLLEGE ACADEMY

CFISD's College Academy partnership with Lone Star College–CyFair enters its seventh year in 2023-2024, and 537 graduates of the Class of 2023 walked the stage to earn both their high school diploma and associate degree.

The final two high schools to launch the curriculum–Bridgeland and Cypress Ranch–will have their first College Academy graduates in 2024, meaning all 12 high school campuses will be producing even more college- and career-ready grads!



Thank You

# DR. HENRY!

For 12 years of fearlessly leading Cypress-Fairbanks ISD to continual growth and success, we say thank you to our superintendent of schools, Dr. Mark Henry. Because of you, **Opportunity for All** grew from vision to reality.

Dr. Mark Henry

