



Community Connection February 2023



The Tennyson Middle School groundbreaking ceremony was held on February 10. It officially marked the beginning of Waco ISD's third campus rebuild as a part of the 2021 bond program. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to celebrate!

The \$355 million bond will replace G.W. Carver Middle, Waco High, Tennyson Middle, Kendrick Elementary and be used to renovate South Waco.

Please [click here](#) to view more photos from the event.

To watch the groundbreaking ceremony, please [click here](#).

For more information regarding the Tennyson Middle School construction project, [click here](#).

Congratulations to the Waco ISD Purchasing Department for earning the TASBO Purchasing Award of Merit for the 15th consecutive year!



The Waco ISD Board recently participated in an Intergovernmental meeting with City of Waco. Waco ISD Chief Facilities Officer, Gloria Barrera, presented an update on bond projects. These projects are possible due to incredible community support. Once completed, these new campuses will add value not only to our students and staff, but to the image and reputation of our community for years to come.



H-E-B Celebrity Cookoff



The 18th annual H-E-B Celebrity Cookoff was a huge success! 32 "celebrity" chef teams along with an impressive group of community sponsors helped to raise more than \$170,000. This is the largest amount raised in the event's 18-year history.

The H-E-B Celebrity Cookoff benefits the Waco ISD Education Foundation, and all funds will go directly back into WISD classrooms to fund innovative teacher grants.

Please [click here](#) to view more photos from the event. For more information regarding the event, [click here](#).



Student Advisory Committee

Dr. Kincannon's Student Advisory Committee recently held its first meeting. The committee, made up of high school students, had a productive and thoughtful discussion about campus safety and security. Each member was able to share their perspectives and provide valuable feedback.

Please [click here](#) to view more photos.



National Signing Day

Earlier this month, three WHS and four Congratulations to the following students:

Waco High

Faith Watson- Girls Basketball

McPherson College

Ulissa Rivas- Softball

Bethany College

Darren Paul- Football
Oklahoma Panhandle State

University High
Naje Drakes- Football
Texas College

Johnzay Fulbright- Football-
Texas College

Paul Monrial- Football
Texas College

Jordan Whitaker- Football
Texas College

To watch the WHS event video,
[click here](#). Please [click here](#) to view
more photos from the event.

To watch the UHS event video,
[click here](#). Please [click here](#) to view
more photos from the event.



Many thanks to Communities in Schools, Family of Faith Worship Center, Mighty Wind Worship Center, Ministerios Bethania, Calvary Chapel, Carver Park Baptist Church, Highland Baptist Church, Moldbreakers Fellowship, Beverly Hills Baptist Church, Waco Summer Youth Ministries, and the NAACP for their generous donation of clear backpacks for WISD students. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

To view more photos of the backpack distribution, [click here](#).



Carver Student Ambassadors had their third visit to the G.W. Carver Middle School construction site. The students took part in hands-on stations and signed a beam that will be a part of the new campus.

Community members were also encouraged to stop by and sign the beam from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to put their mark on this amazing new campus.

Please [click here](#) to see more photos.



To honor and celebrate Black History Month, numerous campuses across the district have been holding special events and sharing special displays to highlight the contributions and history of African Americans throughout the United States.

Please [click here](#) to view more photos from our Black History Month events.



Message from the School Board President



Dear Waco ISD Community,

Your support at the start of this spring semester has been incredible. I have seen our community partners show up for our students and staff in many ways. The H-E-B Celebrity Cookoff was record breaking thanks to your generosity and belief in what our teachers do each day in their classrooms. These donations will fund more innovative teacher grants across the district and will have a tremendous impact on our students and staff.

I would also like to thank our community partners who donated clear backpacks and gift cards to Waco High School students that helped us kick off new safety measures on campus.

The district is doing outstanding work and our students and staff are reaping the benefits. We are making huge strides in academic achievement, attendance, athletics, fine arts, and just about every program we offer. But, there is always more to be done and I remain grateful to our incredible community partners who support that work.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Korteweg

Board Meeting Recap



Did you miss the February 23rd Board of Trustees meeting? Get an update by watching the meeting recap video.

[Click here](#) for the full board meeting from February 23, 2023.

The next Regular meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the WISD Conference Center, 115 S 5th Street, Waco, Texas.

Outstanding Community Partner

Each month, Waco ISD recognizes a community partner making a difference for students with the Waco ISD Award for Outstanding Community Partners. This recognition celebrates the theme for the 2022-2023 school year "Lead from the Heart" and acknowledges the impact our community partners make in the lives of our students and staff.

In February, Central Texas Iron Works was selected to receive the award for their

generous contributions to Waco ISD.

Please follow this [link](#) to learn more.



Message from the Superintendent

Dear Waco ISD Community,

As we end February, I can't help but feel so proud of our district. There are so many great things to celebrate including 99 of our teachers receiving the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) designation, breaking ground on the new Tennyson Middle School, the annual H-E-B Celebrity Cookoff raising more than \$170,000, and the community showing up to the beam signing for the new G. W. Carver Middle School.

In addition to so many celebrations, we made the decision to implement new safety measures at our secondary campuses to support a safe and secure learning environment for our students and staff. This included the requirement of clear backpacks and the use of metal detectors. I'd like to thank the community for your support. The feedback and response that we have received has been positive and reassuring.

Looking toward the next few months, we will continue to prioritize increasing student achievement in ways that truly align with our mission to provide an educational foundation that empowers and values all.

Sincerely,

Susan Kincannon, Ed.D.



Congratulations to 99 Waco ISD teachers for earning a Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) designation!

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the TIA designation.

Thank you KWKT for highlighting this incredible achievement. To watch the media coverage, please [click here](#).

Teacher Incentive Allotment



Congratulations!

Community Resources



We can all play a part in helping to keep Waco ISD safe! Our anonymous online reporting system, STOPit, is available to all students, staff, families, and the community. You can report bullying, violence, and other safety concerns anytime by following this link: www.wacoisd.org/STOPit.

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