

## **Parent Feedback Forum - July 16, 2024**

### **Questions & Answers**

#### **Projected Student Enrollment at Lockhart Junior High**

- What is the projected student enrollment at Lockhart Junior High?
  - LJH has a capacity of 1500 students. Projections showed that we would stay around the 1450 mark (which was why a 2nd middle school was not in the last bond) and that is expected to increase to 1500 the next couple of years. A bond including a new middle school is planned for 2025.

#### **Gifted & Talented Program**

- What support is available for students who are not identified as gifted or talented?
  - Support is primarily for students identified in the GT program, who are in the 95th percentile. About 4-6% of the student population on each campus is in the GT program.
- Will there be a GT teacher at each campus eventually?
  - It is unlikely that there will be one GT teacher per campus, as some districts do not have this type of program at all. LISD added a 3rd teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Will the three GT teachers only be serving elementary campuses?
  - GT teachers directly serve elementary students and provide training and resources to secondary teachers who teach honors courses.
- How will the district support teachers in the GT program?
  - LISD GT teachers will work to ensure classroom teachers have the necessary training to scaffold instruction for their students.

#### **Updates to Fine Arts Department**

- What are the recent updates in the Fine Arts Department?
  - Added a new teacher for the color guard program.
  - A grant is funding the launch of a mariachi program at secondary schools, expected to begin in the spring.
  - Hired a new band director.

- A new Director of Fine Arts has been appointed, who will advocate for all arts programs.
- LISD was granted a Texas Arts Education Association (TAEA) district distinction along with 92 other districts (out of over 1,200)
- Art and music teachers were added seven years ago.
- Is Ballet Folklorico being considered for the program?
  - We need to review facilities and space for planning. The additional wing opening in January will create more space.

### **Updates for the LHS Addition**

- What is the status of the high school addition project?
  - The Academic Wing (a two-story building) is expected to be completed by January 2025.
  - The Cafeteria Addition will be ready by the first day of school, adding about 600 more student spaces and an extra cafeteria line.
  - Additional fine arts space for the mariachi program is expected to be completed by Spring 2025.
  - Elementary construction is progressing well, with roads cut out, curbs installed, and foundation work expected to be completed by the end of next week.

### **Attendance Rezoning Process**

- How will the attendance rezoning process work?
  - Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Stephaine Camarillo shared the process for the attendance committee members and the opportunities for forums. More official communication to come.

### **Goals for the District by the End of the School Year**

- What are the district's goals for the end of the school year?
  - Achieve an A rating for each campus through quality instruction and exemplary teaching.
  - Develop reciprocal relationships with parents and community members.
  - Improve communication, with insights provided by parent forums

### **Accountability for Secondary Supplies**

- How will students be held accountable for supplies, especially updated Chromebooks?
  - Expectations will be shared with campus administrators regarding the care of supplies.

### **Cell Phones**

- What is the plan for managing cell phone usage?
  - The system for managing cell phones was not enforced with the fidelity last year. This year, the policy will be implemented and strictly followed ***The district cell phone policy can be found on page 58 of [LISD Student Handbook 2024-25](#)***

### **Cashless Apps for Concession Stands**

- Does money for processing fees from cashless apps for athletic tickets come back to the district?
  - All processing fees go to the vendor

### **Cadence of Future Parent Forums**

- When should parent forums be held moving forward?
  - Parents in attendance shared that forums should be held after grade reporting periods, every 9 weeks.
- Is it helpful to have both district and campus-level forums?
  - Yes, it remains valuable to have both district-wide and campus-specific parent forums.