



CISD Regular Board Meeting President's Report November 18, 2024

Good evening everyone. I have a quick update on several key financial initiatives we have currently underway. But first we felt it is important to address one of our agenda items tonight and encourage everyone to seek the facts before rushing to judgement.

- We will be discussing, **as information only**, the implementation of the Marshal Plan for our district. Contrary to statements made this weekend on social media and local news outlets, we are not proposing to arm current staff. We are specifically looking at hiring retired law enforcement or military to cover campuses in the event an SRO is unavailable. This program is a carefully regulated safety initiative designed to enhance campus security in very specific circumstances. More detail on this program will be discussed during agenda item 9.1 and I know Dr. Glenn has a statement prepared in his Superintendent's Report.

Moving on to a few financial items...

- First, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the members of the Budget Reduction Action Committee (BRAC) for their work thus far. The BRAC has convened three times and is making progress toward its objective of formulating and recommending a multi-year plan. This plan will recommend measures to address and offset any potential future budget deficits. The committee's collaborative efforts and commitment to our district's financial health are very much appreciated. We anticipate that the BRAC will be ready to present their findings and recommendations to the district soon and then in turn the district to the board in February. The next BRAC meeting is scheduled for December 4th, and we look forward to their continued progress.
- In addition to the committee's work, I want to highlight the series of educational Budget and Legislative Town Halls that Dr. Glenn and trustees have been

conducting over the last month or so. These Town Halls are designed to engage and inform our teachers, staff, PTOs, and the broader community about the district's financial landscape and our legislative priorities for the upcoming 89th legislative session. Our aim is to foster transparency and open dialogue in order to communicate our fiscal challenges.

The next Town Hall meeting will take place tomorrow morning at 9 AM in the boardroom. We encourage anyone interested to sign up online to attend. Your participation is invaluable to us as we build understanding and gather input from the community.

Thank you all for your ongoing trust and support as we work together to ensure the continued success and financial stability of Carroll ISD.

- Lastly, as the 89th legislative session is set to kick-off in January, we want to highlight an online initiative that will allow anyone in the district to advocate on behalf of Carroll ISD. It's called Take Action Dragons and it is on our webpage now. Simply go to the webpage and sign the pledge to support Carroll ISD's mission to secure increased funding for public schools in Texas. By sharing your email address you'll receive updates and advocacy opportunities when the legislature begins, empowering you to help us fight for the funding our students deserve. I've asked Trustee Bottom to elaborate on this further and our strategy to get community involvement.