

## **February 3, 2025**

## Dear WISD Parents & Guardians:

Providing a safe and supportive learning environment is one of our most important responsibilities. All Wharton ISD students and their families are a valued part of our district.

We continue to monitor any legal changes, including state and federal guidance that may affect our students and their families, while remaining focused on our students' academic success, mental health and well-being.

In accordance with state and federal law, Wharton ISD neither inquires, nor does it maintain information regarding the immigration status of students. Student information maintained by Wharton ISD is protected by the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which prohibits release of personally identifiable student information absent parental consent, or a lawful subpoena, except in limited circumstances outlined in the law. Wharton ISD will follow all laws, policies, and procedures for interacting and complying with state and federal law enforcement authorities regarding any inquiries it may receive.

Thank you,

Olatunji Oduwole

Superintendent of Schools