



ACADEMY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Bumblebee Families,

I want to take a few minutes to share several district updates and highlights as we move through the spring semester.

Due to Winter Storm Fern, Academy ISD was closed for three instructional days on January 26–28. Our current district calendar identifies two bad weather make-up days on Friday, May 8 and Friday, May 22. Those two dates will now be regular instructional school days rather than professional development days. All students and staff will report to school on both Fridays. The Texas Education Agency recently approved our waiver request for the third missed day, meaning we will only need to make up two of the three days. Thank you for planning ahead and helping us ensure strong attendance on these important make-up days in May.

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with Photo Texas Photography, a well-established school photography provider with 40 years of experience. Photo Texas will provide elementary spring pictures and high school graduation photography. We anticipate a smooth, organized process and high-quality photos for our students and families. Campuses will be communicating more details soon.

Our School Board continues to make thoughtful, student-focused decisions while carefully managing district resources. Most recently, trustees approved the purchase of three school buses to replace the three oldest buses in our fleet. Replacing aging buses is an important step in maintaining safe and reliable transportation each day.

Several improvements are also taking place across our district. If you have recently visited John Glover Stadium, you may have noticed our new large digital multimedia scoreboard. It will enhance the overall experience for students, families, and guests at athletic and school events. In the coming weeks, asphalt and striping improvements will take place in the ECC/Softball/Baseball parking lot. Additionally, new playground equipment will be installed over the summer at the Early Childhood Center. These projects reflect our continued commitment to maintaining safe, attractive, and functional facilities across Academy ISD.

As we enter the final months of the school year, Academy ISD is moving forward with purpose and momentum. We remain committed to responsible investments that support students today and position our district well for the future. Thank you for your continued support and trust.

With appreciation,

Darla Nolen
Superintendent
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