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Our projected 2026-2027 enrollment from HISD is 888. We may aim for 895 students at the start of the school year in order to cushion for losses prior to snapshot date (near end of October).

Our student-teacher ratio goal is 28:1 in all classrooms.

Substantial increased interest in some new and returning courses presents issues for class ratios. Some of these courses are Organic Chemistry, AP Business and Finance, AP Environmental Science; AP Biology, etc.

Fewer seniors have requested off-campus periods, leading to bigger class sizes.

We propose additional positions (one science and one ELA/Seminar hire) to address ratios as well as the ELA grading load with focus on short- and extended-constructed responses / essays.

The CVHS school budget for 2026-2027 is approximately $200,000 less than last year. Salaries for the new hires and the return to full-time position of our librarian equate to an approximate $225,000.

Members of our SDMC voted in favor of added staffing as described.

1882 PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

CVHS, Debakey, and Eastwood (which requested a year of planning) have the opportunity to observe progress and consult with Challenge, Energy Institute, HAIS, and HSPVA personnel. 1882 Partnerships for those schools will be decided by the Texas Education Agency within the next few weeks.

Only schools that submitted an intent to apply to the 1882 Partnership are considered for levels 4 & 5 autonomy for the 2026-2027 school year. Most likely, CVHS will be categorized in level 3 (which is anticipated to be similar to our current level this year).

Teacher concerns include:

- which appraisal system will be used and the impact of performance compensation,
- who provides / pays for Healthcare, and
- whether deferred campus maintenance (ie: painting) and HVAC issues will be fixed permanently prior to 1882 Partnership consideration,
    i. After making contact with a painting company recommended by district facilities personnel, we were later informed we could only purchase paint from the company and not the labor. The process for that company to become a district-approved vendor requires board approval and considerable time.
    ii. Contracts
    iii. Possible budget increase

This summer, we will consider forming our board of managers with approximately three of them serving as governing members.

Final Exam Exemptions (08:32 AM)

Per district officials,

1. All students in grades 09-11 are required to take spring semester finals.

2. Final exam exemptions apply only to seniors enrolled in Advanced Placement courses. Seniors enrolled in non-AP courses are required to take spring finals for those non-AP courses.

We will share any additional details from district officials on ParentSquare, our school website, and on our school's social media platforms.