



CARROLL
Independent School District

CISD Special Board Workshop Meeting

President's Report

September 14, 2026

Good evening, everyone. On behalf of your Board of Trustees and Superintendent, I want to start by thanking our entire Carroll ISD community for what has been a great start to the school year. Our students, teachers, administrators, staff, and parents have all helped get the year off to a strong start, and I think there is a lot to be proud of already.

One of the items we are especially proud of is the academic excellence we continue to see across the district. This year, Carroll ISD is proud to have 30 National Merit Scholars. That is an incredible accomplishment, and it is something our entire community should celebrate. We have one of the highest numbers of National Merit Scholars in the state, and what is especially impressive is the consistency we have maintained over the years. Since I joined the Board in 2021, we have had 185 National Merit Scholars, with those numbers increasing significantly compared with previous years, even as our overall enrollment has declined. That says a lot about the quality of our students and, just as importantly, the quality of the people who teach and support them. I want to give a special thank you to Ms. Lewis and her staff. These kinds of results do not happen by accident. They are the result of a lot of hard work by our teachers, counselors, administrators, parents, and students. Ms. Lewis, you and your team are doing a great job, and we are very proud of your leadership and what you and your team continue to accomplish.

I also want to talk for a minute about our approach to educational technology. Carroll ISD's Ed Tech policy continues to be one of the strongest benchmarks in Texas when it comes to reducing unnecessary screen time for our students. I think it is important to say that we are not against technology. We believe technology has an important place in education when it is used responsibly and when it actually improves the learning experience. What makes our approach different is that we also recognize the importance of partnering with parents. Our parent opt-out policy gives families a meaningful choice in how technology is used with their children. We believe parents should have a voice, and we believe there is tremendous value in face-to-face instruction and in the relationships that develop between teachers and students in a classroom. Technology should be a tool that supports great teaching, not something that replaces the teacher or the human interaction that is so important to a child's education. I am proud that this board and administration continue to take a thoughtful and balanced approach to technology.

Finally, I want to recognize the continued growth and success of the Little Dragons Childcare. This program continues to grow, and it has become an important part of our district. It provides a valuable service to our employees and their families, but it is also becoming a self-sustaining financial investment that helps us recruit and retain great teachers and staff. In today's environment, anything we

can do to make Carroll ISD a great place to work and to support our employees is important, and Little Dragons Childcare is doing exactly that.

I want to thank Jenn Gerges and her entire staff for the great job they are doing. They have built a program that is becoming a leader in our area, and we are very proud of the quality of care they provide. They are also continuing to look for ways to improve, and I am excited that they will be applying for the

highest quality rating available through the Texas Rising Star program, which is a Four-Star certification. That is another indication of the commitment Jenn and her team have to providing a high-quality program for our families.

So, as we begin this school year, I just want to say how proud I am of Carroll ISD. We have outstanding students, we have exceptional teachers and staff, and we continue to focus on doing what is best for students and for our community. We have a lot of momentum coming into this school year, and I am excited about what we are going to accomplish together. Thank you to everyone who continues to make Carroll ISD such a special place.

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Thank you and Go Dragons!



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