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WE'RE DEDICATED TO  
BRINGING OUT  
*the best*  
IN EVERY STUDENT.

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2021-2022 STATE *of the* DISTRICT



**CFISD**

*Opportunity for All*

BRINGING OUT  
*opportunity*  
FOR ALL.



Cypress-Fairbanks ISD has developed a reputation over the years for being a large district with a small-town feel. We have also become well-known for bringing out the best in each student!

Whether it's a first-class education, robust extra- and co-curricular programs, or safe and technologically-sound facilities bolstered by community-approved bond funds, CFISD is proud to be the cornerstone of Cypress, a thriving Greater Houston suburb.

We are excited to welcome all of our students back to classrooms in 2021-2022 as we continue to provide

*Opportunity for All!*





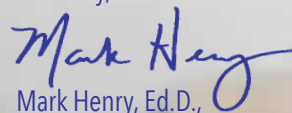
## From the Superintendent

As we come off a challenging 2020-2021 school year, I am extremely proud of a school district that not only survived, but thrived amid unforeseen circumstances. We didn't let any obstacles get in our way: two marching bands made it to state, we had the most athletics playoff teams ever, a high school was runner-up in the state academics meet, and we graduated our inaugural College Academy class with Lone Star College–CyFair.

A worldwide pandemic couldn't interrupt our mission of **Opportunity for All**; it only made us more resolute in meeting the needs of every student. Last year, I challenged everyone to remember H2O—two parts hope and one part optimism. Now, I'm reminding everyone to "check your corners," reaching the hard-to-reach students who are recovering from the academic and social barriers created by remote learning.

We enter 2021-2022 striving to work as hard as ever to keep our CFISD family growing stronger. By continuing to give a little extra, on purpose (we call it **lagniappe**), we know the sky is the limit for what our students, staff and community can achieve going forward. With your help and support, CFISD will be bringing out the best in our students, staff and community this school year.

Sincerely,



Mark Henry, Ed.D.,  
Superintendent of Schools



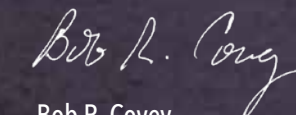
## From the Board President

Welcome to Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, a special place where you have chosen to raise your family and meet your educational needs. Each of my fellow trustees had children or grandchildren educated in CFISD schools. We are proud to be your elected Board of Trustees. Along with our Superintendent, Dr. Mark Henry, we helped navigate the state's third-largest district through a complex 2020-2021 school year, and are excited to elevate even more in 2021-2022.

Our Board shares and believes in Dr. Henry's vision of **Opportunity for All**. No matter where you visit in CFISD, you will see amazing facilities, cutting-edge technology, rigorous and relevant shared curriculum and enticing extracurricular activities.

Our vision is "Learn – Empower – Achieve – Dream (LEAD)!" We believe students deserve the absolute best educational experience that will equip them to be global leaders in the military, a career after high school or as college students.

My wife and I chose the Cy-Fair community in 1975 because of its impressive education. We chose to live in the place we wanted to raise our children – and we chose well! Our district may seem large, and it certainly is, but it is still a feeling of community. We may be many in number, but we are still one district. We support each other and our combined effort to offer an exceptional educational experience to all.



Bob R. Covey  
President, CFISD Board of Trustees



# BRINGING OUT *growth*

Families continue to move to CFISD, the 10th-largest suburban school district in the nation, for quality schools. Students represent a diverse community reflective of the Greater Houston area and entire state of Texas. We're bringing out the best in the economic growth and development in Harris County.



- 92 **CAMPUSES**
- 116,000+ **STUDENTS**
- 3RD-LARGEST DISTRICT  
**IN TEXAS**
- 21ST-LARGEST DISTRICT  
**IN THE U.S.**
- 56 **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**
- 19 **MIDDLE SCHOOLS**
- 12 **HIGH SCHOOLS**
- 5 **SPECIAL PROGRAM  
FACILITIES**







BRINGING OUT  
*new & improved*



CFISD **BOND 2021**

CFISD's growth has brought a renewed investment in the community from our taxpayers, who have approved nearly \$3 billion in bond funds since 2014.

The district devoted more than \$339 million to campus renovations from both the 2014 and 2019 bond programs, and spent the summer of 2021 working on 29 concurrent projects to enhance and protect instructional environments districtwide.

The 2019 bond allowed CFISD's transportation team to replace 414 school buses in 2020-2021, including 306 buses with a new environmentally friendly propane fuel system.

CFISD's devotion to fine arts continues with brand-new band towers at each high school, along with the ongoing construction of the Visual and Performing Arts Center (opening 2022). Our commitment to athletics is evident in baseball and softball facility upgrades complete with turf field replacement at all 12 high schools.

A year after opening our 19th intermediate campus, Rowe Middle School, we broke ground on Middle School No. 20, which will open for the 2023-2024 school year and will complete the Bridgeland educational village.



# BRINGING OUT *safety*



CFISD continues to enhance its layered approach to safety and security. Bond funds provided for security fencing installed around the perimeter of dozens of elementary campuses, as well as segmentation of schools with an open-concept design. Classroom phones and fortified doors continue to be added throughout the district.

The district's police department protects students, staff and the community, while Mental Health Intervention Team members work to support emotional well-being throughout the district.



# BRINGING OUT *1:1*

More than \$238 million from CFISD's 2019 bond package was devoted to technology. Following approval by the CFISD Board of Trustees, the district purchased Chromebooks for every CFISD student. CFISD's technology services team worked around the clock to deliver devices for each student by May 2021. 1:1 technology not only supported remote instruction, but also provided the opportunity for teachers to further personalize learning in the classroom through individualized assignments, including supporting dynamic interaction with content through collaboration, creation, and exploration.

The technology services team ensured that every student had access to WiFi through the distribution of hot spots to families and school buses with access points in several communities. The **CFISD LTE 1:1** program was a success!





# BRINGING OUT *community support*

Although the eighth annual Superintendent's Fun Run was held virtually in 2021, it didn't stop the community from answering the call to "Run Together, From Wherever."

Runners and walkers checked in on social media to show their support for the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation, and the final numbers reflected it: the district donated \$120,000 to the CFEF, tying our highest-earning fun run to date!

Thanks to underwriter Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital and dozens of other business partners, CFISD graduates will continue to receive tremendous assistance from CFEF scholarships. We look forward to meeting back in person at the Berry Center in 2022!



# BRINGING OUT *key partners*

CFISD has always thrived due to generous partnerships from business partners and faith-based organizations. In 2021, we benefited from critical relationships with local hospitals, pharmacies, and Harris County Public Health (HCPH).

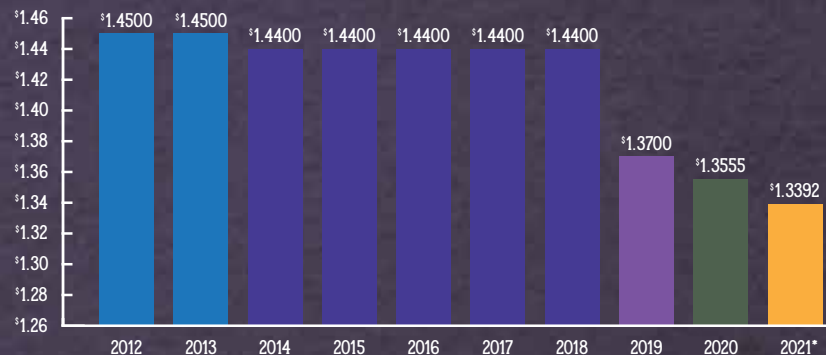
HCPH joined with CFISD health services to offer COVID-19 vaccinations for eligible staff and students at each CFISD high school in May. More Pfizer vaccines were offered to eligible students at several campuses during the summer, helping a greater number of students combat the virus by being vaccinated.





# BRINGING OUT *value*

CFISD passed its third consecutive annual budget that featured a tax rate decrease from the prior year. The proposed rate of \$1.3392 is down 1.63 cents from the year before, and a nearly 10-cent decrease from 2018-2019.



\*2021 REFLECTS THE ESTIMATED TAX RATE

**20%** OPTIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT FOR ONLY **1.8%** OF THE OPERATING BUDGET.

The district's budget also accounted for across-the-board staff raises for the 10th straight year. In addition to a 5% raise and two \$500 stipends for hourly and paraprofessional staff, the starting teacher salary was elevated to \$58,500, making CFISD an even more enticing launching point for educators.

## FIRST-YEAR TEACHER SALARY COMPARISON\*

SCHOOL DISTRICT	STARTING SALARY
<b>CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS</b>	<b>\$58,500</b>
ALDINE	\$58,000
HOUSTON	\$56,869
KATY	\$56,700
KLEIN	\$57,800
SPRING	\$57,425
SPRING BRANCH	\$59,000
TOMBALL	\$56,700

\*As of Aug. 27, 2021



# BRINGING OUT *service*

CFISD's nutrition services team stepped up to meet the needs of the community with its robust curbside meal service at many campuses. Students who opted for remote learning in 2020-2021 continued to receive free and nutritious meals each week. More than 3 million meals were served from the beginning of the effort!

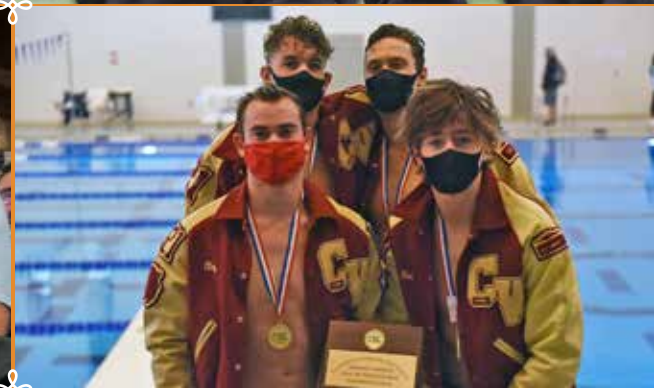




# BRINGING OUT *student success*

Even with many barriers in place, CFISD students achieved success like never before!

- Cypress Woods & Bridgeland marching bands place among top 15 in UIL State Marching Band competition
- Cypress Woods UIL Academic Team: state runner-up
- Cypress Ranch HS wrestler Jayden Bazemore: state champion, girls' 128 lbs
- Cypress Woods HS boys' swim: state champions, 200 freestyle relay (new state record – 1:22:09) and 200 individual medley
- Record number of CFISD athletics playoff qualifiers
- 5 former and current students participated in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics
- Cypress Ranch HS graduates Colton Cowser & Ty Madden selected among top 32 in MLB Draft
- 4 Class of 2021 graduates appointed to service academies





OPPORTUNITY FOR  
*two degrees*



CFISD's College Academy partnership with Lone Star College–CyFair launched in 2017-2018 and came to fruition in 2021, as our first 85 graduates walked the stage to earn both their high school diploma and associate degree.

The 85 graduates from Cypress Lakes High School—where the program was piloted—will have a greater jump-start on their future at a fraction of the tuition cost. Even more graduates from additional high schools will leave CFISD with two diplomas in 2022 and beyond!

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This is our year, CFISD!  
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