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CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD

October 2, 2023

District Update



- Enrollment Recap
- TEA Commissioner Visit
- Athletics and Fine Arts
- Board Candidate Forum
- Superintendent Search



CLC Binder

- State of the District / Budget Brochure in pocket
- CLC Membership List
- CFISD Fact Sheet
- CFISD Safety and Security Measures
- CFISD Legislative Delegation
- Legislative Process

CLC WEBPAGE

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Membership Update



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Purpose

A volunteer group of parents, business people, and retirees who believe that having a strong independent school district is important to the economic well-being of the Cypress-Fairbanks community. Our local schools are the heart of our community.



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Charge

- To develop community ambassadors who positively promote CFISD.
- To develop a strong foundation of the inner workings of the district.
- To understand the impact of proposed legislation and regulatory rule-making on CFISD and public education.

CLC Member Expectations

- **Learn**

- Regular attendance at CLC meetings
- Active participation in meetings
- Knowledge and understanding of CFISD and legislative priorities
- Attend a minimum of two CFISD Board of Trustees Meetings

- **Share**

- Utilization of sphere of influence to share information about CFISD and legislative priorities
- Non-partisan focus

- **Communicate**

- Active and vocal supporter of CFISD and public education
- Regular communication with elected officials



CLC Membership Selection Criteria



- No more than 65 members
- Grandfather current CLC members
- Legislative staff
- Diversity in membership based on criteria, such as:
 - geographic areas of the district
 - occupation or industry types



CLC Member Introductions

- Name
- Current or new member
- Parent or community member
- Occupation
- Area of the district where you live (high school feeder)
- Experience serving on other committees



CLC Meeting Norms



- Start and end on time
- Be respectful
- Actively listen
- Seek to understand all perspectives





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88th Legislative Special Session Update



PRIORITIES FOR THE 88TH ★ ★ ★ ★ TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION

★ **Prioritizing the success of our students
& the strength of our community**

🏠 **INVEST: School Finance**

- Increase the Basic Allotment.
- Add an inflationary index to the Basic Allotment for each biennium to parallel increased inflationary costs.
- Increase state reimbursement for special education services to cover actual district costs.
- Provide state-based funding for state-required mandates.
- Modify the adjustment in the Comptroller's property value assignment for the Local Optional Homestead Exemption (OHE) to incentivize districts to provide additional tax relief.

CFISD DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

- 118,500 students enrolled
- 3rd largest district in Texas
- 95 campuses
- Largest employer in Cy-Fair
- 61.5% economically disadvantaged
- 22,000 Emergent Bilingual students
- 100 languages & dialects spoken
- 15,000 special education students



🏠 **PROTECT: Safety and Mental Health**

- Provide reimbursement for safety expenditures, including facility upgrades, additional staff positions, and programs required by TEA.
- Increase the school safety allotment to adequately fund safety programs, support law enforcement resources, and address the mental health needs of students as required by HB 3.

🏠 **MEASURE: Accountability and Student Success**

- Eliminate high-stakes testing that is not federally required.
- Provide a permanent state funding source for all required accelerated instruction (HB 4545).
- Support a Hold-Harmless provision for accountability A-F rating system for the 2022-2023 school year due to significant changes in the STAAR design and to the state accountability system.
- Reform the state accountability system to better measure a school and district's success.

🏠 **SUSTAIN: Public Education Sustainability**

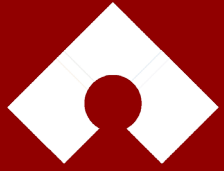
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- Oppose legislation that diverts funding from public schools to private schools or home schools.
- Support school choice that ensures uniform academic and financial accountability and transparency standards for all school systems receiving state funds

Updated
10/2023



The legislative priorities included in this pamphlet were researched and developed by the CFISD Community Leadership Committee (CLC) and adopted by the CFISD Board of Trustees. CLC is a volunteer organization made up of businesspeople, parents, clergy and retirees working together to support CFISD, our local school district.



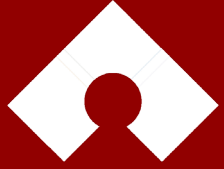


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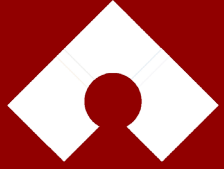


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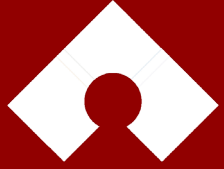




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State Assessment and Accountability Update



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