

Weekly High Five

November 3, 2008

I want to begin by thanking each and every one of you for the support you demonstrated through your e-mails, letters and phone calls these past few months. I am truly humbled by your show of support and the dedication and passion we share for the students and families of the AISD. I would like to share what information I have regarding the superintendency position. I have told many of you that it is my desire to lead the AISD as superintendent and continue to work collaboratively with you for the benefit of our students and community. Last week the board issued a press release stating that, in anticipation of a future vote on the matter; the board committee will gather proposals from potential superintendent search consultants. If the board votes to hire a consultant, the board will move forward with a national search. The superintendent search is on the agenda for executive session at this week's board meeting. It is my understanding that during the Nov. 20 board meeting, the board may vote to send out the proposal to search firms. I have shared my goals to move toward becoming a Recognized school district with the board, and I would like to share them with you as well.

1. Focus on instruction.
2. Focus on professional development.
3. Focus on reduction in budget - passing a rollback election, and if recommended by the community, a bond election.
4. Focus on diversity.
5. Focus on developing a collaborative approach in all areas of the district.
6. Focus on relationships between the district and other public organizations.

I strongly believe that if we stay focused and work toward the goals listed above, we can be a Recognized school district. We truly have the best students, families, teachers and staff in the AISD, and I am proud to serve as your interim superintendent.


Jerry McCullough
AISD Interim Superintendent



This Saturday I attended the Success in School Summit focusing on dropout prevention programs and initiatives. There was encouraging dialogue among participants on home support, early childhood, bullying, drugs and alcohol, and language barriers. I was excited to see community members and district staff participate in this collaborative effort. Thank you to Linda Rodgers, Jim Wren and all of the AISD staff who helped make the summit a success.

Last week we hosted the *Former Board Member and Namesake Luncheon* to honor the service and dedication our former board members and living namesakes have given to the students, families and employees of the district. It was an honor to hear all of the great stories and rich history the namesakes and former board members shared. These are the people who laid the foundation of our great district, and I am proud to have had an opportunity to have them as our guests.



Bit of Inspiration

Four Golden Rules of Influence:

- Live a life of undivided integrity.
- Always demonstrate a positive attitude.
- Consider other people's interests as more important than your own.
- Don't settle for anything less than excellence.

-*The Art of Influence, Chris Widener*

"There are no secrets to success: Don't waste time looking for them. Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work, and persistence."

-*Colin Powell, Former Secretary of State*

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Nov. 4: Election Day
- Nov. 6: School board meeting
- Nov. 10-16: Youth Appreciation Week
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day; National Community Education Day
- Nov. 14: End of second grading period
- Nov. 16-22: American Education Week
- Nov. 17: Beginning of third grading period



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