

# Weekly High Five

November 25, 2008

At the Board meeting last Thursday, the administration presented additional information about the three options for high school scheduling that the Board identified during the Nov. 13 work session. The three options are as follows: 1. Current block with one conference; 2. Hybrid of block and traditional; and 3. Adjustment of staffing formula to current block schedule. Information regarding the format and structure of each option, along with the pros and cons, was outlined for consideration. In addition, information was presented regarding eliminating the team planning period and adjusting the staffing formula for the junior highs. [Click here](#) to view the presentation. The Board gave their individual opinions on the various options and agreed to continue to garner input and information for consideration. The Board directed the administration to move forward on adjusting the staffing formula at the secondary level, to form an administrative committee to review scheduling options and to begin developing an attrition plan. The 2009-2010 calendar was approved at last week's Board meeting as well. It is available on the [Year at a Glance](#) page of the AISD Web site.

Did you see the FAQ in District Announcements? I am often asked how we are going to address our budget issues, so we put together this list of answers to the most frequently asked questions in order to keep everyone informed. Also included are answers to some of the questions regarding our scheduling options. Thank you for all the e-mails with suggestions and feedback. It is important to me that we gather your input on these decisions that will affect us all.

In football playoffs, Seguin fell to Denton Guyer Friday night, bringing an end to an exciting season. Arlington and Bowie both advanced to the regional quarterfinals and will play Saturday at Texas Stadium. Bowie's game against Wylie will kick off at 4 p.m., and Arlington's game against Trinity is scheduled for an 8 p.m. start.

I hope you will all take the time to be thankful for what we've already accomplished this school year. We are on the downhill slope toward the winter holiday, but there is still time to work with students, parents and other staff to help those students that may be struggling. We must use every available resource to improve learning and performance for all students. I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, and, as always, I thank you for everything you do for the students of the AISD. You are greatly appreciated!

  
Jerry McCullough  
AISD Interim Superintendent

## Congratulations



Tony Drollinger  
*Executive Director of Finance*  
Formerly Director of Accounting  
B.B.A. - Southwest Texas State  
University, 1988



Wendy Carrington  
*Director of Dropout Prevention*  
Served as Interim Director of  
Dropout Prevention  
Formerly SASI Manager  
B.A. - East Texas State University, 1991  
M.Ed. - East Texas State University, 2000

## Bit of Inspiration

"You are the same today as you will be in five years except for two things: the books you read and the people you meet."  
-Charlie "Tremendous" Jones, Founder of *ExecutiveBooks.com*

"Once you believe goals can be achieved, then that belief will fuel the perseverance it takes to do your job right."  
-Cal Ripken, Jr., Baseball Player

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Nov. 23-29: National Family Week
- Nov. 26: Staff development/student holiday
- Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 27-28: Staff/student holiday
- Dec. 4: School board meeting
- Dec. 6: SAT
- Dec. 7: Pearl Harbor Day



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