

# Weekly High Five

September 1, 2009

What a great first week of school! I want to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication making this week such a success. Our most recent headcount indicates that we have now enrolled more than 62,446 students. Please let me know what we can do to help you continue this success throughout the school year. This will be another great year if we continue to work together.

  
Jerry McCullough  
Superintendent

## Business Update

As you all know, the Board passed the budget at last Thursday's meeting. Included in the approved budget is an average 2.8 percent salary increase mandated by the state legislature for teachers, counselors, librarians, nurses and speech pathologists. All other employees will receive a one-time payment of 2 percent. Travel allowances were eliminated from the budget. Mileage incurred for business purposes must be logged and will be paid at the state-approved rate. The Board approved \$1,107,425 in reductions recommended by the FFC. A complete copy of the approved budget will be available by the end of the month on the AISD Web site.

During a called meeting Sunday evening, the Board approved a bond issue election totaling \$197.5 million to be included in the general election scheduled for Nov. 3, 2009. Information will be posted online as it becomes available. Passage of the \$197.5 million bond issue would fund:

Transportation: \$13,313,092

- 120 buses

Fine Arts: \$8,270,364

- Band & orchestra instruments
- Uniforms for the fine arts programs
- Other fine arts equipment

Technology: \$60,036,000

- Replacement computers
- Network equipment
- Printers
- Projection systems
- Software

Facilities: \$115,876,067

- Roofing
- Flooring
- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades
- New science labs for each high school
- New construction (one new elementary, additions at two elementaries and Lamar HS, and expansion of Arlington HS cafeteria)

## Principal Advisory Council Meeting Overview

We had a very successful PAC meeting last week. The input garnered from the PAC regarding Convocation was very useful in helping us plan for the future. We also discussed beginning-of-the-year staff development and we went over the agenda for the September 10 principals' meeting.

## News to Note

There is a regularly scheduled Board meeting this Thursday.

- The Board will consider the appointment of APs at Bailey, Barnett, Boles, Gunn, Ousley and Shackelford junior highs.
- Also on the agenda is discussion of district and campus performance goals and objectives.
- Board meetings are broadcast live on AISD-TV Time Warner Channel 98 and [www.aisd.net](http://www.aisd.net). You can also view past meetings online anytime.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sept. 1: Elementary gifted and talented open house

Sept. 3: School board meeting

Sept. 7: Labor Day; Student/staff holiday

Sept. 8: International Literacy Day

Sept. 11: Homecoming for Arlington, Martin and Sam Houston high schools;

Patriot Day

Sept. 12: ACT

Sept. 13: Grandparents' Day

Sept. 15-Oct. 15: Hispanic Heritage Month



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## Don't Forget

The elementary gifted and talented open house is Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the PDC.

There are two receptions honoring new principals this week.

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 4:30 p.m.  
Andrew Hagman,  
Shackelford JH

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 4:30 p.m.  
Jacquelyn McClendon,  
Foster ES

## Bit of Inspiration

"You can do anything you think you can. This knowledge is literally the gift of the gods, for through it you can solve every human problem. It should make of you an incurable optimist. It is the open door."

-Robert Collier, *Motivational Author*

"If you realized how powerful your thoughts are, you would never think a negative thought."

-Peace Pilgrim, *Peace Activist*