



Message from the Superintendent

Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District



March 10, 2010

Dear Key Communicator:

April 1, 2010 is Census Day. An accurate census of our area will benefit our school district and community by influencing the distribution of \$300 billion in federal funds earmarked for states and local communities. In order to accomplish this, it is important that everyone participates. **Census information is confidential by law and no other agency has access to the personal data.**

I have included information for you to share with other community members.

- **The U.S. census is taken every 10 years.**
- Census questionnaires will be **mailed or delivered to households** in March.
- The questionnaire is short and asks only a few simple questions-**name, relationship, gender, age and date of birth, race and whether the respondent owns or rents his or her home.**
- Questionnaires are **returned by mail.**
- Census takers will visit households between April and July if the questionnaires have not been returned by April 1.

How is census information used?

- To distribute Title 1 and special education funding, which impacts school district budgets
- To distribute funds for college tuition grant and loan programs
- To build new roads and plan for public transportation
- To redistrict state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts
- To determine areas eligible for housing assistance
- To plan for hospitals, nursing homes and clinics
- To direct funds for people in poverty
- To develop assistance programs for low-income families

Taking the time to complete the census form supports our school district and the Cy-Fair community.

Sincerely,
David Anthony, Ed.D.