

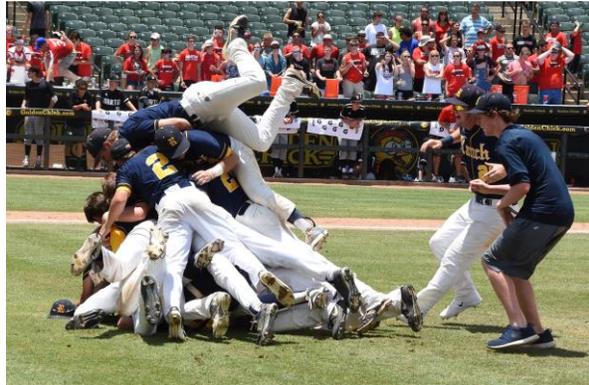


Aug. 20, 2015

Dear CFISD Community,

We are a week away from kicking off the 2015-2016 school year, when we will welcome more than 114,000 of the most talented students in Texas back into our 87 CFISD campuses.

We had many accomplishments to celebrate in 2014-2015, an historic year ringing in the district's [75th Anniversary](#). We cheered our fine arts and athletics successes, including the [Cy-Fair and Cypress Falls bands](#) placing in the top 25 at state and the [Cypress Ridge girls' wrestling](#) team, [Cypress Woods girls' basketball](#) team and [Cypress Ranch baseball](#) team winning state championships.



In June, our Class of 2015 graduates earned more than [7,300 diplomas](#) and scholarships valued at \$65 million.

The momentum has already continued into 2015-2016:

- We are pleased to once again be the largest district in which all campuses receive the state's [highest possible accountability rating](#).
- Our Board of Trustees won the Region 4 nomination for [TASA Outstanding School Board](#).



- Our growth as the 22nd-largest school system in the nation continues with the opening of our 54th elementary school, Woodard ES, on Aug. 24. I have been out to visit the campus and could not be more proud of the quality instructional facility that students in the Woodard community will utilize this fall.

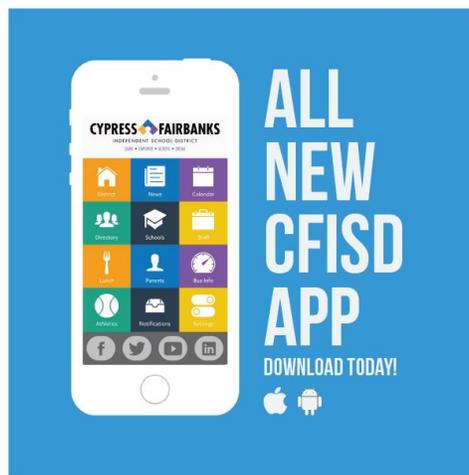


New construction and renovations have highlighted the summer of 2015. We completed the initial phase of the Pridgeon Stadium renovation—resurfacing the parking lot—and will wrap up stadium upgrades in 2016.

We recently announced the name of our newest high school, [Cypress Park High School](#), which is scheduled to open in August 2016 at FM 529 and Westgreen Blvd. The “topping out” ceremony (in which the final beam was placed on the facility) took place on Aug. 19, and we thank our facilities team and Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc., for making this beautiful design from PBK Architects a reality.



We are continually seeking new ways to reach our community, so please take advantage of our new mobile website by visiting www.cfisd.net on your tablets and smart phones. You can also stay connected with the incredible resource that is our new CFISD mobile app! Search “CFISD” in the App Store or Google Play to download on your Apple or Android devices.



I was so pleased with our successes in 2014-2015, and I am confident that 2015-2016 will bring even more accomplishments for CFISD.

In just a few days, the pace is about to pick up dramatically throughout our district's 186 square miles. Still, I encourage you to exercise patience—both on the roads as we transport nearly 80,000 students and in our schools as we make sure all 114,000 students are in the right spot.

Thank you for your support as we seek to serve **Every Student, Every Day** in 2015-2016.

Sincerely,

Mark Henry, Ed.D.
Superintendent