



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Aug. 19, 2016

Dear CFISD community,

What a great time to be part of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD!

The TEA announced on Monday that we earned the highest possible rating of *Met Standard* in the annual accountability system for the fourth consecutive year.



All of our campuses met all four index targets, a very impressive feat amid rising standards and a new state testing contractor.

I hope you have enjoyed a great summer. It was so exciting to watch two of our graduates, Chris Brooks of Cypress Creek High School and Cammile Adams of Cypress Woods High School, competing in Olympic gymnastics and swimming, respectively. Their performances and achievements made me proud to be both a CFISD and American citizen.



We have been busy preparing for the first day of school on **Aug. 22**. A total of 38 new construction and renovations projects are underway valued at \$720 million. You may notice some changes at your child's campus when you return to school. Some of the more extensive projects will take some time to complete and we thank you for your patience as we work to create the best possible learning environment for our students.

Speaking of impressive learning environments, our 11th comprehensive high school, Cypress Park High School, opens its doors Monday on Westgreen Blvd. near the Grand Parkway. Satterfield & Pontikes Construction did an incredible job building our first-ever three-story high school that will eventually be part of an educational village with a forthcoming middle school and elementary school.



We are also excited to re-open a freshly renovated Pidgeon Stadium for football fans this fall, along with a new on-site natatorium that is expected to open in January. New agricultural and transportation centers and a school-based health clinic will serve students in the southwest portion of our district when they open near Cypress Park this fall.

Our theme for 2016-2017 and going forward is *CFISD For All*, words that remind us that ALL students deserve the best possible education we can give them. I truly love being part of a district that ensures quality facilities and resources in all CFISD neighborhoods.



When you leave those neighborhoods on Monday, remember that roads will be more congested with school buses and back-to-school commuters as we prepare for 115,000 students. Please exercise caution and patience as you travel while we adjust to the new traffic flow.

This is going to be another great year in CFISD. I am excited to get started, and thank you for joining us on the journey ahead.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools