



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Sept. 21, 2016

Dear CFISD Community,

I'm not usually much of a numbers guy, but some of these figures from the annual *State of the District* report are hard to ignore:

- **273,000 new residents** have joined our **186-square-mile community** since the year 2000, representing greater residential growth than **21 entire states** in our nation;
- **90,000 devices** circulate throughout our **88 campuses** and support facilities;
- **13,499 students** took AP classes in 2015-2016—that's more than the enrollment of many entire school districts in Texas;
- our **20-percent optional homestead exemption** knocks 33 cents off our effective tax rate; and
- **eight new construction projects** from bond funds will be ongoing throughout 2016-2017.



Dr. Henry delivers the 2016-2017 State of the District to the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 20.

I delivered my annual *State of the District* presentation to the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 20, feeling a great sense of pride as these statistics and many more filled the screen, all tying back to our ongoing theme of *CFISD For All*.

We are a large and growing community that continues to hold fast to the traditional American value of universal public education. 96.91 percent of school-aged children in our community choose public schools. If you look through the resources on our [State of the District webpage](#), I think you'll see why.



Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce luncheon guests view the annual State of the District brochure on Sept. 20.

Check out our State of the District brochure, presentation and video that will give you a glimpse into the wonderful things happening in CFISD. Look for the *Opportunity is Here* block on our homepage to access this information.

Our great story continues to unfold in 2016-2017. Follow me on Twitter at [@SuptMarkHenry](#) to see some of our updates throughout the year. Not that I'm a numbers guy, but I am closing in on 3,000 followers!

Sincerely,

Mark Henry, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools