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*"Nurture your minds with great thoughts. To believe in the heroic makes heroes." —Benjamin Disraeli*

Dear CFISD Community,

Heroes are all around us in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. One week I'm reading about some of our [student athletes who saved a teammate's life](#), and the next I'm seeing an [administrator come to the rescue of a middle school student](#).

How appropriate that these stories led up to the "Superheroes for Kids" [Second Annual Superintendent Fun Run](#) on Feb. 21. We raised more than \$40,000 as a community for student scholarships for the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF), which was about \$10,000 more than the first annual event. Everyone who participated—be it staff, students, business partners or residents—is a superhero for the graduates who rely on the CFEF's support to have a successful future.



And while we were handing out medals to our top Fun Run finishers, several student athletes were winning gold at state. Our Cypress Ridge High School girls' wrestling team won its second state championship in three years last weekend in Garland. Congratulations, also, to head Coach Tim Ray for winning Class 6A Girls' Coach of the Year.



Cypress Ranch High School junior **Victoria Roubique** won the state championship in the 100-meter breaststroke event of the UIL State Swimming and Diving Meet in Austin. I am so incredibly proud of the achievements taking place in CFISD!



I have been making several trips to Austin myself during the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session to advocate for important issues related to our school district and children. Among the issues are a continued reduction of standardized testing and equitable funding for all school districts, accounting for the rapid growth in districts like CFISD. Find more information on the [Community Leadership Committee](#) page of the district website and in updates to my blog.

It's hard to believe, but spring break will be here before we know it, followed by testing season and the stretch run until graduation. Thank you for your support as we race to the finish line!



Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools