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Dear CFISD Community,

Did you know that our graduation rate is 3 percent higher than the state average? Or that we transport more than 78,000 students to and from school every day? How about that our homestead exemption effectively reduces the tax rate by 31 cents?

Many facts about Cypress-Fairbanks ISD come as a pleasant surprise to our residents, and I was happy to reveal many of these this week in my annual *State of the District* presentation for the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce.



*Members of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce listen to Dr. Henry's State of the District address at the Berry Center on Sept. 16.*

The audience was pleased to learn that our academic performance was best among the five largest Texas school districts despite our per-student state funding being lowest.

I was proud to share that our students earned nearly 20,000 dual credit hours through a partnership with Lone Star College – CyFair, and that our 2014 graduates earned nearly \$80 million in scholarships.

Some staggering growth statistics were shared, including our district being only 70 percent built out with nearly 43,000 new home occupancies projected by 2023.



*Chamber of Commerce luncheon guests read the State of the District brochure, which is available on the district website. All of these statistics and more are available online on our [State of the District page](#), which includes links to our State of the District brochure, presentation and video that give an inside look into the fantastic things happening in CFISD. Look for the “75 Years of Leading the Way” link on our homepage to access this information. I hope you enjoy viewing these great resources, and that you, too, are pleasantly surprised by our school district’s excellence.*

Don’t forget to follow me on Twitter at [@SuptMarkHenry](#) for more great news and updates throughout the school year!

Sincerely,  
Mark Henry, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools