



18 de agosto de 2014

Estimados amigos:

¡Bienvenidos de regreso! I cannot tell you how excited I am for the 2014-2015 school year to begin. I have met with all your campus leaders, and can vouch for their enthusiasm as well. Together we will all work together to fulfill our annual theme as we **Lead the Way** for more than 113,000 Cypress-Fairbanks ISD students.

The 2013-2014 school year was a banner one for CFISD. The following achievements represent a small cross-section of our successful year:

- the community supported our \$1.2 billion **bond referendum** with almost 69 percent of the vote, allowing for safety and security upgrades, transportation upgrades including elimination of the 2-mile bus rule, new facilities and renovations through the year 2020;
- our incredible Board of Trustees passed a budget this summer that included a generous pay raise for all employees;
- the Education Resource Group rated CFISD the No. 1 district for financial and academic performance for the second consecutive year;
- Texas Comptroller Susan Combs gave CFISD a “Platinum” Leadership Circle rating for financial transparency, and even visited our district to praise us for our model efficiency in school construction; and
- the inaugural Superintendent Fun Run was a community-wide success last February, and raised more than \$30,000 for the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation.

We will open our 86th campus and 18th middle school, David Anthony, Ed.D. Middle School, in one week!

Needless to say, our momentum for 2014-2015 is strong. Here are some of the areas I hope we will focus on as a district to keep us moving in the right direction:

1. **Academic achievement** – We will continue to look for ways to close the achievement gap to ensure *all* students are succeeding.
2. **Customer service** – We want to continue our concentration on serving our parents, community, students and each other.
3. **Positive relationships** – Part of that focus on customer service will be on maintaining positive relationships with all four of those groups.

I count it as an honor to have the opportunity to work with students, and an even bigger honor to be able to work in CFISD. Many of you who have worked elsewhere likely agree that the level of support we receive from our Board and community is unique. Make the most of the opportunities you have this year to make a difference in the lives of others.

It is going to be a fantastic 2014-2015. If you would like to keep up with some of the great things happening throughout the year, follow me on Twitter at [@SuptMarkHenry](https://twitter.com/SuptMarkHenry), as well as the district [@CyFairISD](https://twitter.com/CyFairISD) account.

I hope each of you achieves your professional and personal goals this year as we **Lead the Way** in the CFISD community.

See you soon,

Mark

Atentamente,

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