



Oct. 10, 2013

*“Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves—and the only way they could do this is by not voting.”*

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear CFISD Community,

Our annual Trustee Election is fast approaching on **Tuesday, Nov. 5**, and I invite you to exercise one of our greatest American freedoms by casting your vote on the ballot.

Before you do, however, please take some time to hear from the candidates who wish to represent our staff, students and taxpayers for the next four years. You can do this by:

- reading the [Trustee Election Edition of INSIDE Cypress-Fairbanks ISD](#), which is posted on the district homepage in four languages. The document features essential voting information, as well as answers to key questions from our four candidates:
  - Position 5: **Dr. John Ogletree Jr.** (incumbent, running unopposed);
  - Position 6: **Don Ryan** (incumbent, Ballot Position 1) and **Dr. Shaik Ahmed** (Ballot Position 2); and
  - Position 7: **Bob R. Covey** (incumbent, running unopposed); and
- attending the [Board Candidate Forum](#), scheduled for next **Tuesday, Oct. 15** from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Berry Center. Free and open to the community, this forum will allow the candidates to introduce themselves and participate in a moderated question-and-answer session. [Questions for any or all of the candidates can be submitted online](#) before noon on Oct. 15. If you are unable to attend, the forum will be broadcast live on CFTV Comcast Ch. 16 and streamed live on the [district website](#).

Early voting will begin on **Monday, Oct. 21** and conclude on **Friday, Nov. 1**. Specific times and locations can be found in the [INSIDE Trustee Election Edition](#). Election Day voting hours for **Tuesday, Nov. 5** are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You can find your polling location and voter-specific ballot by entering your name and address into the [Harris County Clerk’s website](#).

Voting numbers are traditionally low in off-year elections, so your vote truly matters in 2013. Thank you for participating in this important process by exercising your right to vote.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools