



Center Independent School District

Superintendent, Dr. Brian Morris

Morris' Memos

Big times for Center Independent School District (CISD) are on the horizon. Our own Laura Ann Scull was named the Queen at this year's Poultry Festival. She will represent Center and Shelby County for the rest of this year. We have faith that Ms. Scull will do an outstanding job as she fulfills her duties as the queen.

On a different note, safety remains a top priority for CISD. Two weeks ago, we had our first security check from Region 7, for the 2023-2024 school year. We passed with flying colors. What happens is the Security Specialist from Region 7 shows up to a campus and walks around our buildings, attempting to gain access to the buildings. At some point they will come inside our campuses and check classroom doors to certify they are locked as well.

We have a new police officer on the Center Elementary campus, her name is Lavon Denson. Officer Denson is a welcome addition to our Roughrider family. If you see her working a game or an event, introduce yourself and make her feel at home.

At our recent Team of Eight training, we discussed things that have happened in our District of which we are very proud. Our Board works hard for our employees and we appreciate them so much. Some of the items discussed at our Team of Eight training include:

- All CISD employees received a 3% raise this year, with the exception of Administration. Administrators received a 2% raise.
- CISD received a clean financial audit this past year with no findings. CISD also received a superior rating on our F.I.R.S.T. (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) report this year.
- CISD lowered our tax rate by \$0.185 cents.
- CTE funding increased this past year to around \$1,690,323. This is up from \$1,082,182 the year prior.

The Board approved new band uniforms, for the entire band at our Board meeting last week. This is the first whole scale uniform replacement since 1980. The band is competing at the State Band Contest on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, in Waco, Texas. We are proud of them, GO Band!!

As you can see, there are many good things going on in our District. We have common planning and curriculum alignment. CES organized a community outreach in Union Acres. Our people are awesome. Too often we get focused on the negative and we overlook the greatness. Keep working hard CISD, your work will pay off, and we will make a difference in our school and community.