



Center Independent School District

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Morris' Memos

Hello friends and family of Center Independent School District. This year I will be producing a letter to you, in an effort to keep you all better informed about what is happening in the Center Independent School District. This is the first edition of Morris' Memos. In this version of Morris' Memos, I will introduce the campus principals in our District. I will also inform you of changes to the Board of Trustees. Lastly, I will apprise you of some legislative updates that have occurred as a result of the most recent legislative session.

F.L. Moffett's principal is Mrs. Brandy Bennefield. This is Mrs. Bennefield's third year with the District. She has done a tremendous job leading a great faculty and staff. Mrs. Crystal Chisenhall is the principal for Center Elementary School. Mrs. Chisenhall is entering her second year on the Elementary Campus and we look forward to the progress this campus will make this year. Mr. Marlin Cloudy, Jr. was hired this past summer to lead Center Middle School. Mr. Cloudy is a native of Center, Texas, and has come home to lead a campus that continues to perform at high levels. His natural leadership skills are on full display daily. Center High School is blessed to have Mr. Otis Amy as their principal. Mr. Amy is entering his second year with Center ISD. Mr. Heath Hagler runs both our Roughrider Academy and our Disciplinary Alternative Education Program. Mr. Hagler has been in Center a long time and we are thankful for both the Roughrider Academy and DAEP.

At our regularly scheduled Board meeting in September, our Board re-elected Board officers. Mr. Matthew Mettaufer stepped down as president. Mr. Deuce Wulf was elected Board president, which vacated his vice president's position. Mr. Greg Hubbard was elected to be vice president of the Board. Mrs. Casey Lout was elected to replace Mrs. Traci Willoughby as Board secretary. All members remained on the Board, it was just the officers who changed.

With the completion of the 88th Legislative Session, school districts across Texas are faced with new unfunded or under-funded mandates. One of the under-funded mandates was that each campus in a district is required to have one armed peace officer on each campus. The state provided roughly \$15,000 per campus for these positions. Another good idea was the addition of a certain window film required to be on all windows throughout the district. This mandate was funded, however, based on bids that we have seen, it will take almost all of that. Something that was not mandated by the state, but that has been done by Center Independent School District, is a tabletop exercise. This is where we go through our emergency operations plan and make sure our people know what to do in the event of an emergency.

This is just a small portion of what has been happening at Center ISD. We have great people and they work very hard to do what is in the best interest of students. I hope you find this informative and helpful. Please feel free to contact our campuses if you have any questions, concerns or ideas. If it is not a campus question, feel free to contact the administration offices.