

Character Education

Lost Pines Elementary School 4th grader Bethany Friend talked about honesty, the character trait for September. She says one reason teachers can send her on errands in the school is because they know she can be trusted. This is what we all should strive for, to be honest and trustworthy in our words and actions. Thank you Bethany!



District Staff Presentations

Dr. Marisol Rocha, Director of Federal and State Programs and School Improvement, was this month’s Spotlight speaker at the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon. She shared with more than 150 business and civic leaders about trauma-informed care and Bastrop ISD’s work in this area. It was a proud moment to have Dr. Rocha share with our community the tremendous work being done by counselors, social workers, teachers, administrators, and all staff to learn more about trauma-informed care and the importance of awareness and help for students dealing with adverse childhood events and other traumas. You can read Dr. Rocha’s full speech [here](#).

CFO Sandra Callahan held a [public hearing regarding the 2019-2020 proposed tax rate](#). The Board adopted a total tax rate of \$1.3710. The total tax rate is made up of \$0.97 for Maintenance & Operations, which is a **REDUCTION** of seven cents from the 2018-2019 tax rate, and \$0.401 for Interest & Sinking (debt service).

Chief of Police Scot Bunch shared the results of this year’s [Dropout Recovery Efforts](#). A team of attendance officers and other BISD staff have worked diligently to locate and recover potential dropouts. On August 14th, the district had 427 total no-shows or potential dropouts. To date, staff have recovered 404 of those students. The district has until September 27 to locate and recover the remaining 23 students before the final report is submitted. Great job everyone!

Board Action

In addition to the consent agenda, the Board took the following action:

- Approved an MOU with Austin Community College to allow teacher certification candidates to conduct observations, clinicals, and internships on campuses in Bastrop ISD;
- Adopted a resolution presented by Dr. Kristi Lee, Executive Director of Communications & Community Relations, in support of the Bastrop County Commissioners’ Court’s formation of the Bastrop County Complete Count Committee. The goal of the committee is to ensure all residents are accurately and completely counted during the 2020 census for the benefit of our community.
- Approved an MOU with Friends of the Children Austin in a cooperative relationship for mentoring of identified students.
- Approved the 2019-2020 District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plans. An [overview presentation of DIP/CIP components](#) was presented by Dr. Rocha.

Enrollment Update (Total 11,375 as of September 6, 2019)

BE - 780	LPE - 687	BIS - 832	BMS - 852	BHS - 1463	CRCA - 221
CCE - 806	ME - 616	CCIS - 916	CCMS - 1,002	CCHS - 1663	GHS - 103
EE - 762	RRE - 663				