



LISD READY TO SERVE 50,000 STUDENTS

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As the 2009-10 school year gets underway, the Lewisville Independent School District is projecting to serve more than 50,000 students as they enter our doors for the first day of school on Monday, Aug. 24. Our teachers and staff are busy preparing our classrooms and buildings to make them inviting and engaging places to learn.

To prepare for the upcoming school year, I recently met with all of our principals and administrators during our district's annual administrators' retreat where we gathered to share our vision for the year. Throughout this retreat, the entire LISD family continued to focus on an educator's purpose – a dream keeper.

As students come to school wide-eyed and excited as they begin a new year, it is our role to keep their dreams alive by engaging them in their learning, challenging them no matter where they are academically and continuing to make learning fun. These three steps allow our students to keep dreaming of what they want to achieve in life. From walking on the moon, curing a disease or writing a best-selling novel, we must continue to keep those dreams alive. When students recognize their dreams are possible, they take ownership in their learning.

Even with the financial constraints our district continues to face and as we try to “do more with less,” preparing our students for their future is our driving force. We are responsible for educating our students to embrace a world of the unknown. Most of the jobs today will not exist in 20 years. In fact, we are educating a workforce not knowing what career options will be available due to the continuous transformation of technology.

As our teachers and staff recognize our students' futures are constantly evolving, we must continue to keep our students' dreams alive and strong. It is our students of today who will solve our nation and our world's problems of tomorrow. These solutions will stem from making our students' dreams a reality.

When you drop your student off on the first day of school, ask them to dream big, give them a hug and let them know that what they will learn will make dreams true. Let us all join together to encourage those dreams and all become dream keepers.

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