

I-Statement of the month: I seek and encourage talent development.

LISD Team,

Spring is such a busy time of year, from showcases and competitions, to festivals and special events district-wide. I want you to know how much I appreciate your effort in ensuring our students are recognized for their special achievements. The time and energy you put into the incredible work you do everyday does not go unnoticed.

As I shared earlier this week, the LISD Board of Trustees approved pay raises for all LISD staff at the board meeting on Monday. Broadly speaking, most campus staff will receive a 4% of midpoint raise, and campus administrators and district-level employees will receive a 3% of midpoint raise. I am incredibly appreciative to the board for this decision, and hope you will receive it as a token of sincere gratitude for your commitment to the education of our students.

In this newsletter, you will read about a few updates across the district, including the status of renewing our local innovation plan as part of the District of Innovation concept. We are seeking community input about our revised plan, so be sure to contact us with your feedback. You will also read about important information about our efforts in using next year's calendar to provide time for staff, a note from legal services about things to keep in mind during election season, and a reminder from Technology about your password reset.

I also recently had the privilege of surprising six LISD paraprofessionals with a life-changing grant to complete their teaching certification. Our paraprofessionals work tirelessly to support learning in our classrooms, and it was an honor to celebrate them for a day. And there's so much more, so keep reading!



#RAPP ON THE ROAD

At the beginning of May we will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. I truly feel that any celebration or special thanks I could give would fall short of expressing my admiration for the educators in this district. You continue to amaze me everyday, and even though there is not enough "thanks" in the world to match your dedication to our students, we will use that time for a special focus on honoring the work you do.

And one more note - if you have any feedback about what should be included in these newsletters, I welcome ideas for consideration in future updates. Your input is important to me!

Keep up the great work, LISD staff!

Dr. Lori Rapp
Superintendent of Schools

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UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

As a reminder, students and staff will attend school Monday, April 18 and for the full day on Tuesday, May 24. Wednesday, May 25 will be an early release day.

April 15 | School Holiday
May 25 | Early Release

TEA has approved our waivers, so no additional make-up days will be needed for the 2021-22 school year.

THE BOARD BULLETIN



Board Meeting Recap

The LISD Board of Trustees met Monday night, April 11 for their regularly scheduled board meeting. To read the Board Recap, click [HERE](#).

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

District of Innovation

The District of Innovation (DOI) concept gives school districts flexibility in several areas governed by the Texas Education Code. LISD implemented a Local Innovation Plan in 2017, and the time has come to consider renewal of our plan. **We are seeking input from the community on our proposed plan.** For more information and to submit feedback, visit [LISD.net/DOI](#).

Election Day is May 7

Saturday, May 7 is election day, and on the ballot are candidates running for local offices such as [school board trustees](#) and town council. Also on the ballot are two proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. Find out more about candidates running for the LISD Board of Trustees at the LISD School Board Forum on April 20, hosted by **LISD Council of PTA's in the LISD Boardroom**.

Early voting begins April 25 and ends on May 3. Visit [LISD.net/vote](#) for a list of resources.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22 | LISD Awards Banquet
Location: [Hyatt Regency - DFW Airport](#)

We're excited to celebrate our honored guests at this year's LISD Awards Banquet where we will recognize Campus Teachers of the Year, Teacher of the Year Finalists, Employee of the Year Finalists, 20+ service-pin recipients and Retirees! 2020 and 2021 award winners will also be recognized. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

For a list of award finalists, visit [LISD.net/awards](#). Can't attend? Stay tuned on social media to congratulate our winners.

Questions? Please contact awards@lisd.net or call 469-948-8041.



It's Pre-K Enrollment Week!

APRIL 11-14

It's time for our little learners and their friends to join LISD for Pre-K! LISD serves Texas [state eligible](#) four-year-old students in state-funded prekindergarten classes. The LISD [Discovery Academy](#) is an exclusive, tuition-based pre-kindergarten program for families in Lewisville ISD offering full-day Pre-K.

Help us spread the word by [sharing this message on your social channels](#).



Teacher Appreciation Week

MAY 2-6

We try to celebrate our incredible educators every day, but there's a special week dedicated to it in May. We thank you for everything you do - our students are so lucky to have you!

Stay connected to the [Perks page](#) to see discounts offered at local businesses during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Want to share the celebrations at your campus? Share on social with the hashtag [#LISDTeacher](#).



Job Olympics

MAY 5

Location: [Lewisville Valley Creek Church Next Steps Center](#)

The Job Olympics is a competition developed to promote employability skills for high school students with intellectual disabilities across LISD. Community volunteers are needed from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. to judge event competitions, and are awarded to stay for lunch and the awards ceremony. For more information on the event, click [HERE](#). To sign up to be a volunteer, click [HERE](#).

AROUND THE VILLE



LISD Paraprofessionals Receive \$87,000 Worth of Grants to Continue Their Teaching Careers

The stipends are possible through a three-year grant provided by TEA as part of its Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports program. "It is truly a rare moment when you have the opportunity to be present when someone's life changes forever," LISD's HR Director of Compliance Dr. Courtney Hart said of the event. [READ MORE](#)



Breakfast of Champions

"The Three Amigas" team includes students from MHS and LHS. The group traveled to Houston to compete against 12 other teams across Texas. With the state championship win - the first in TECC-West's culinary history - "The Three Amigas" received a \$6,000 scholarship to go towards their future culinary education. [KEEP READING](#)



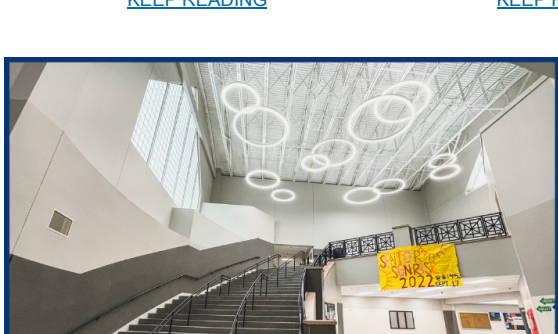
Liberty Teacher Writes Children's Book

Fourth-grade teacher Britin Strong and husband Chris co-wrote their first book about the importance of putting down technology and enjoying life outside of our devices. After reading the book, Mrs. Strong's students even created a list of all the things they could do if they went technology-free for a day. [KEEP READING](#)



LISD Announces 2022 National Merit Finalists

We are proud to announce 56 LISD high school seniors were recently named Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. To become a Finalist, these students had to show not only their impressive academic record, but also their participation in school/community activities, leadership abilities and honors received. [KEEP READING](#)



Bond Update

See the Refreshed Entrways at FMHS and HHS

20-year refreshes for both FMHS and HHS were included in our 2017 bond. While the work for these refreshes is still ongoing, the improved entryways at both campuses have already brightened the spaces. We are pleased LISD was able to accomplish these renovations, and so many more across the district, *without* raising the tax rate for our voters.

See photos of the entryways and read more about their impact [HERE](#).

SEE MORE HIGHLIGHTS

Want to submit a story idea? Contact the Communications Department at communications@lisd.net.

DISTRICT NEWS

Password Reset

Our technology department works tirelessly to protect student and staff data, and part of that protection includes periodic password changes. So get those creative brains to work as you come up with a fresh password to use for your devices. A mandatory password reset will be implemented on Wednesday, **April 20, at 11:59 p.m.** for all staff who have not changed their password since **March 21, 2022**. Still reading the Rapp Up? Fill out [this form](#) for a chance to win.

Use the following resources to change your password on a district-issued [Macbook](#), [Windows PC](#), or [iPad](#).

A Note from Legal Services

As election season falls upon us, a few reminders. School district employees cannot use public funds for political advertising or to advocate for/against a measure. So here are a few helpful reminders:

1. Don't use your District email to forward election emails, use your personal email for campaigning.
2. Don't do any campaigning during work hours, use your district computer or any district supplies.
3. Don't wear campaign materials during work time, save it for off work time.
4. **DO** get out and VOTE!

Staff Professional Learning Days | 2022-23

Being an educator is more challenging than ever. We know your time is precious, and you are pulled in a million directions by many things beyond our control. With that in mind, we are working to be intentional with the things we **can** control, and adjusting a couple of things to provide you more time in next year's calendar:

- Ensuring staff have the opportunity to re-charge this summer by doing summer professional learning differently
- Building a calendar for next year that gives staff time during the school day to collaborate in PLCs.

More information about summer professional learning will be available in May. For more information about embedded PLCs and staff work days, click [here](#).