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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Building a Community of Character

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ACCD/FISD Agreement Signed

The Floresville Early College and Technology Center moved one step closer to reality as the Alamo Community College District Board of Trustees on Tuesday, December 11, approved a budget of \$591,239 annually to fund this project. These monies will be directed towards salaries, equipment, instructional costs, and facility rental, among other costs.

Although the FECTC is not scheduled to open until August 2010, initial components of the process have already begun. Students who attend Floresville High School will have the opportunity to take dual credit classes in math, science, history, and English/Language Arts beginning their junior year in lieu of the high school credit courses they may have taken previously. Career and technology courses will be re-tooled to offer dual credit and industry certifications in the following areas:

- **Culinary Arts/Hospitality**
- **Automotive (NATAF Certification)**
- **Manufacturing – CNC Mill, Hydraulics, CAD, Industrial Automation, Electrical/Electronics, Robotics & Conveyance, Machine Tools, Quality Control, Mechanical**
- **Welding** *(Continued on Page 2)*

News and Information

Part of good leadership is effective communication. Frequently, you receive updates on information from me regarding happenings in the district. From this point forward, I plan to provide you a brief update regarding the great things happening at FISD and perhaps some of the challenges we may face as well.

My request from you is to keep the good information coming. Most of the information I send to you was provided to me from one of you. Please feel free to brag on yourself, a colleague, or these wonderful kids of ours.

FFA Public Relations Team Competes at State Leadership Contest

The FFA Public Relations team competed at the State Leadership Contest Saturday at Sam Houston State University in

Huntsville. Team members are Shelby Quinters, Sarah Wallace, Madison Taber, and Alex Lyssy. The team competed in the preliminary round against ten other teams and placed in the top five to advance them to the finals. In the finals the team again competed against ten other teams and finished 6th overall. There were 230 Public Relations teams that competed all across the state this fall in district contests and Floresville has the 6th best team in the state. This is the second time in the last three years the FFA Public relations team has advanced to the state contest and the second time in Floresville FFA history that a leadership team has advanced to state. Two years ago, when we did go to the state contest, we finished 7th. Congratulations to these kids and Mr. Jarzombek.



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- **Computer Automated Design**
- **Computers**
- **Electronic Media- TV/Radio**
- **Health Careers**

An important aspect of the EarlyCollege/ Technology Center’s success is having a quality instructional staff. We believe we have the best staff right here in our own district to provide these new and exciting opportunities for our children. With that in mind, we are in the process of collaborating with ACCD to help us fund necessary certifications that will enable FISD staff members to teach dual credit and career certification courses. The FECTC will be providing exciting opportunities not only for our students, but also for teachers and our community.



Harvard Comes to Floresville

The Harvard Club of San Antonio has chosen Floresville as a site to

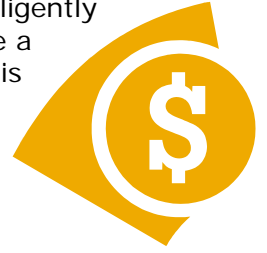
begin what is called an Early College Awareness Event focusing on how college can help our economically disadvantaged students advance toward a future career, and how they and their parents can start now to prepare for college. Seventh and eighth grade students and parents are invited to attend this event.

Specific topics will include:

- College students discussing how they prepared and what their college experience has meant to them
- An expert showing how to prepare now and during high school
- Students and parents learning about available financial aid
- Surprise Speakers -- People who have made it and have done well because of their college experiences. Students will be impressed -- and amazed.

Competitive Salary Initiative Team

As you know, Floresville ISD is in the process of looking for a more competitive salary for teachers. FISD leadership has been working diligently for the past several months to define a strategy to raise salaries. We call this the Competitive Salary Initiative. Teacher input is incredibly important to both me and the board of trustees.



A group of teachers was selected to serve as team members to represent each campus. The first meeting was on Monday, December 3. The meeting covered goals and objectives of the plan, as well as a synopsis of how we plan to make decisions including dates and outcomes. The role of the team member is to provide input about these processes we plan to undertake in the next two months. Please refer questions regarding the Competitive Salary Initiative to either your campus team member or campus administrator. A proposed salary schedule for the 08-09 school year should be presented to the board of trustees at the February 19 board meeting.

CAMPUS	TEAM MEMBER
FHS	Rhea Nell Rogers
Alternative School	Ron Goetz
FMS	Suzie Martinez
FES	Sarah Garcia
Primary	Pam Henke
ECC	Nash Martinez

Spotlight on Character

On Saturday, December 8, the Spurs Foundation sponsored the Houston Street Good Neighbor Initiative. This event assisted residents along East Houston Street, just west of the A T & T Center, in sprucing up their homes in appreciation for their continued support of the San Antonio Spurs. Volunteers for the project painted, landscaped, cleaned up and weatherized 25 homes. Seventh Grade Jaguar Basketball teammates Kaitlyn “KK” Montoya and Shelby Leineweber lent a hand by helping to paint the house of an elderly couple. Thank you girls for helping to build a community of character and spreading the message to San Antonio.

