

LAKE DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees



Regular Meeting

Monday, December 14, 2020 5:30 PM

NOTE: Meetings of the Board are normally held at 104 Swisher Rd., Lake Dallas, TX 75065; however, **THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY VIDEO CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORIZATION CONCERNING SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN OPEN MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) DISASTER.**

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Persons wishing to address the trustees relating to an agenda item or non-agenda topic, you must complete the form available at <https://tinyurl.com/LDISD-Forum> between 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020. All public comments shall be submitted via this form and will be read to the Board by the Board President.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

Agenda

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum
2. Open Forum
3. Closed Session
4. Reconvene to Open Session and Pledges of Allegiance
 - A. Pledges of Allegiance

5. Administer Oaths of Office to Newly Elected Board Member
6. Recognitions
 - A. Student Recognitions - 7th & 8th Football
 - B. Student Recognitions - Spirit of Christmas T-Shirt Design Winner
 - C. Student Recognitions: TMEA Region 2 All-Region Jazz Ensemble
 - D. Featured Falcon - Shining the Spotlight on LD Staff
7. Consent Agenda Items
 - A. Consideration/Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2020 Regular Board of Trustees meeting.
 - B. Consideration/Approval of Monthly Financial Statements
 - C. Consideration/Approval of Budget Amendment #2
 - D. Consideration/Approval of Professional New Hires 2020-2021
8. Action/Discussion Items
 - A. Consideration/Approval of LDHS 2021-2022 Course Guide
 - B. Consideration/Approval of Resolution Regarding Extension of Time to Use Emergency Paid Sick Leave
9. Reports
 - A. Legislative Priorities - First Reading
 - B. Construction Report
10. Review/Information Items
 - A. Campus Updates: Lake Cities Education Foundation Grants
 - B. Lake Dallas ISD COVID-19 Response: December Update
 - C. State Accountability Ratings Update

D. Child Nutrition Department Update

E. Athletic Updates

F. Lake Dallas ISD News & Events

11. Closed Session (if needed)

12. Adjournment



The LDMS 7th Grade A Team was undefeated and the B Team lost 2 games.

Overall, 7th grade was 13-2 for the season!

Hard Work Equals
success!



Lake Dallas
FOOTBALL 2020
8TH GRADE

The LDMS 8th grade A team was undefeated. B team lost 2 games...making them 11-2 for the season!

Hard Work Equals
success!



Our very own 7th grader, Kate Wilcox, designed and WON the Lake Cities Spirit of Christmas T-Shirt contest for 2020!

So proud of her winning design and her Falcon spirit!



LAKE DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL

LDISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Student Recognition

December 2020

TMEA REGION 2
ALL-REGION JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Jase Ballard – Drum Set 2nd Chair
Joshua Dunn – Tenor Sax 2nd Chair
Miguel Bello – Trombone 2nd Chair



FALCON JAZZ

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE REPORT

LAKE DALLAS ISD
December 14, 2020



Activities completed or under progress

Renovations

- Completed Thanksgiving break renovations

Exterior Walls

- Continue waterproofing and brick at south and west walls of stage
- Completed demo and excavation of PE walls

Addition

- Complete lower level foundation
- Continue foundation at main level
- Start plumbing and electrical underground plumbing



Projected activities

Renovations

- Begin selective renovations during upcoming holidays

Exterior Walls

- Complete water-proofing and brick at south and west walls of stage
- Start metal stud construction for PE gym walls

Addition

- Complete main level foundation
- Start structural steel erection





Activities completed or under progress

Site

- Complete installation of new electrical power to main building and new building
- Continue installation of retaining walls

Building

- Continue installation of grade beams



Projected activities

Site

- Complete installation of new electrical power service to main building
- Continue installation of retaining walls

Building

- Complete grade beams
- Start concrete slab installation





Activities completed or under progress

Building

- Complete CMU wall installation
- Continue MEP wall rough-in
- Complete steel erection
- Install roof decks
- Start MEP overhead rough-in



Projected activities

Building

- Start roofing
- Start waterproofing on exterior walls
- Continue MEP overhead rough-in







Activities completed or under progress

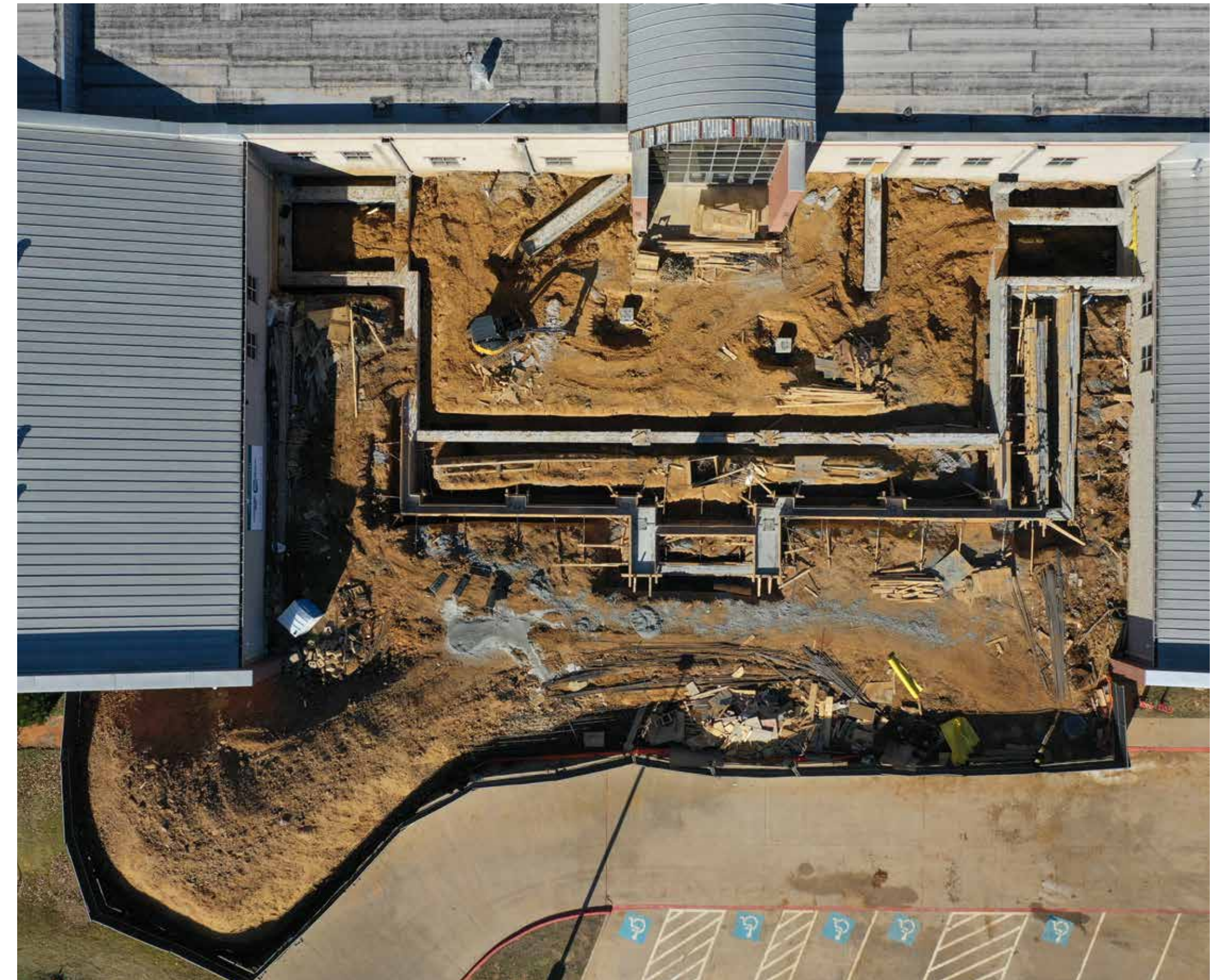
Building

- Complete grade beam installation at main entry addition
- Complete underground rough-in for plumbing and electrical at both additions:
- Install concrete slabs at both additions



Projected activities

- Complete foundation
- Start construction of CMU walls
- Start structural steel installation
- Start new veneer installation at original building





THANK YOU!





Lake Cities Education Foundation
Grant Updates

2019-2020



Lake Dallas Elementary was awarded a 2018 LCEF Grant to start a campus ***Mariachi*** group.

- The grant purchased guitars and Mariachi attire.
- Students are working with LDE's new music teacher, Ms. Ikeda, on the foundations of guitar playing, as well as guitar setup and maintenance.
- Ms. Ikeda video conference practices with students on and off campus.
- The students have also started practicing during Genius Hour.



Shady Shores Elementary was awarded a 2018 LCEF Grant for ***an outdoor classroom*** and a 2019 LCEF Grant to expand our outdoor classroom with a ***school-wide garden***.

- The classroom has been extended to the outdoors bringing learning to life, creating an interactive place of discovery, and providing a living laboratory for year-round instruction.
- The garden will be a living classroom where students are connected with the natural world. The garden provides students with experiences in food production, demonstrates the natural process of growth and decomposition, and develops a sense of ownership and responsibility in our students.



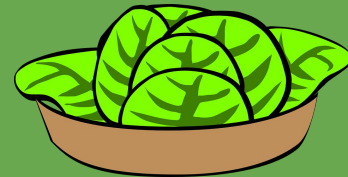
Corinth Elementary Life Lab

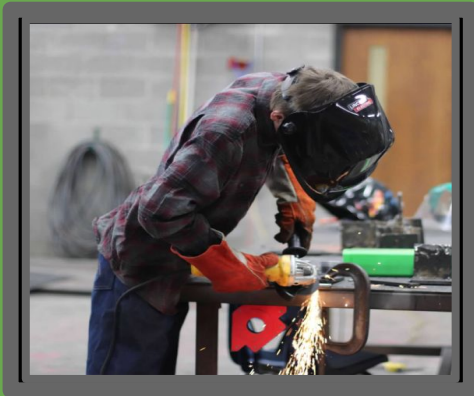
- This grant was obtained by Michelle Richey in Fall 2017 for the students of Corinth Elementary.
- This grant funded 6 raised beds, a shed, a greenhouse and Junior Master Gardener Curriculum.
- The community of Corinth assembled beds, added soil, and erected a garden shed.
- All students at CE have cultivated vegetables in the six gardens while learning about the plants. During summers, families have continued cultivation and harvested from the gardens.



The LDMS Science department was awarded a 2019 LCEF grant for a **Hydroponics Lab**.

- Students are cultivating their knowledge of agriculture and farming as they grow vegetables/herbs in hydroponic pools with only the use of LED lights and water.
- We have 3 pools going at the moment. Students plant seeds into trays of rock wool and place under lights, then transplant them into “rafts” that float in the pools. They have grown kale, butter crisp lettuce, snow queen lettuce, cilantro and basil. The LDMS Cooking Club is using some of our Falcon-Grown ingredients for the after school program!





The LDHS Welding program was awarded a **2019 LCEF Grant in the amount of \$2,060** for a ***Weld Test Bender***.

- This tool reveals imperfections and failures of test coupons that students complete during the welding certification process.
- *“This award was a game changer for our kids. With this machine, Lake Dallas ISD students can certify in 9 different AWS welding certifications and begin their careers as professional welders immediately upon graduation.”*

Jerry Crow - LDHS Welding Instructor

- Last year **27 students obtained their D1.1 Welding Certification**, thanks to the hard work of Mr. Jerry Crow coupled with the help of the LCEF grant. Currently, 13 students have already earned certifications and are on their way to gaining a D1.1 Welding Certification.

*Thank you Lake Cities Education
Foundation for making a lasting
impact on students and staff at
Lake Dallas ISD!*



Lake Dallas ISD COVID-19 Response: December Update

Lake Dallas ISD has seen a notable increase in positive COVID-19 cases in the past month, more than doubling the amount since Nov. 10. Much of the increase in cases can be attributed to the period following Thanksgiving break.

On Nov. 10, Lake Dallas ISD had 37 total cases across all its campuses. As of Dec. 10, Lake Dallas ISD had 88 total cases across all its campuses. Given the upcoming winter break, which lasts two weeks, it's likely case counts will continue to see notable increases in the coming month.

Additionally, Lake Dallas ISD and other Denton County school districts have begun implementing the CDC-recommended guidance of revised close contact quarantine periods, offering two options to exit from quarantine within 7 to 10 days of close contact if they exhibit no symptoms. While 14 days remains the recommended period, those who exhibit no symptoms can use any of the three options.

Amount of Cases, Counts by Campus

As of Thursday, Dec. 10, a total of 88 cases of positive COVID-19 cases have been reported at campuses for the 2020-21 school year in Lake Dallas ISD. Case counts by campus, which include both students and staff, are as follows:

- **Corinth Elementary School:** 5 students, 3 staff members
- **Lake Dallas Elementary School:** 5 students, 10 staff members
- **Shady Shores Elementary School:** 2 students, 4 staff members
- **Lake Dallas Middle School:** 18 students, 2 staff member
- **Lake Dallas High School:** 34 students, 5 staff members

New Close Contact Quarantine Procedures

Following updated CDC guidance and consultation with the Denton County Public Health Department, Lake Dallas ISD has updated its COVID-19 quarantine procedures for close contacts.

- [COVID-19 Decision Tree](#)
- [COVID-19 Quarantine Guidelines](#)

Previously, close contacts were required to quarantine for 14 days after exposure in the event that face coverings were not used or had close interactions within six feet for more than 15 minutes with the infected individual. The 14-day quarantine will remain in place, though close contacts **who exhibit no symptoms** following exposure now have two additional options:

- Returning to school after 10 days from the last interaction with the infected individual, so long as no symptoms are displayed

- Returning to school after 7 days from the last interaction with the infected individual if a negative COVID-19 test is confirmed between 5 days or later after close contact, so long as no symptoms are displayed

Any individuals who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 are required to quarantine for the full 14 days. If any individual who exhibits symptoms then tests positive with no symptoms, he or she would enter the [regular positive test quarantine period](#) of an additional 10 days since the positive test was received.

For those in quarantine who then exhibit symptoms but do not take a COVID-19 test, an additional 10 days from onset of symptoms is required combined with at least 24 hours of being fever-free without fever-reducing medicine. Symptoms of COVID-19 must also be improving for these individuals to exit quarantine.

For more information about the CDC's recommended quarantine procedures, [click here](#).

Outlook Ahead

Thanksgiving break resulted in a notable increase in COVID-19 cases reported to Lake Dallas ISD by families and staff, and it's likely winter break will have a similar effect. Because winter break is twice as long, the amount of cases could increase even more.

The CDC has recommended against traveling for the holidays, though the Thanksgiving break period still [resulted in significant travel across the nation](#), leading to an increased spread of COVID-19.

Lake Dallas ISD has kept case counts relatively low, even in comparison to other Denton County school districts, though students and staff will have to continue to adhere to procedures to keep cases low. Face coverings will remain essential in preventing any potential spread of COVID-19, as will families keeping students home if they exhibit any possible symptoms.

Given the distribution timeline of vaccines for the disease, it remains unlikely district procedures will change for the 2020-21 school year. Federal health officials have estimated vaccines will [be available for the general public by about April](#), with most of the general public able to receive the first of two shots by July.



Commissioner Mike Morath

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Texas Education Agency Pauses A-F Ratings For 2020-21 School Year

STAAR testing will proceed so parents and educators continue to understand what students have learned this year, and to gauge the impact of the pandemic on education

AUSTIN, Texas – December 10, 2020 – The Texas Education Agency announced today that A-F ratings would be paused for 2020-21 school year due to the ongoing disruptions associated with COVID-19. The STAAR test will proceed for the 2020-21 school year in order to provide critically important information about individual student learning that teachers and parents can use to help students grow. For those schools that incorporate STAAR results into teacher evaluations, TEA is providing flexibility to allow them to remove that component this school year.

Ensuring that STAAR is made available has been recognized as vital by education leaders around the state. STAAR results will allow schools, teachers, and parents to see how individual students are performing while also giving education leaders and policymakers across Texas a comprehensive picture of what are likely to be sweeping impacts of the pandemic on student learning, helping policymakers craft solutions for the years ahead. However, the STAAR will not be used for accountability purposes this school year.

“The last nine months have been some of the most disruptive of our lives. The challenges have been especially pronounced for our parents, teachers, and students. We continue to prioritize the health and safety of students, teachers, and staff in our schools this year, while working to ensure students grow academically,” said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath.

“The issuance of A-F ratings for schools has proven to be a valuable tool to support continuous improvement for our students, allowing educators, parents, and the general public to better identify and expand efforts that are working for kids. But the pandemic has disrupted school operations in fundamental ways that have often been outside the control of our school leaders, making it far more difficult to use these ratings as a tool to support student academic growth. As a result, we will not issue A-F ratings this school year,” added Morath.

School systems are required to make STAAR available to every eligible student. The test will be administered on school campuses across the state or at other secure alternative testing sites. The test is an assessment of the grade level expectations of Texas students, with questions designed by subject matter experts and committees of Texas teachers to measure how well students have mastered knowledge and skills in various grades and subjects. STAAR will continue to be administered only in secure environments to ensure the results remain valid and reliable.

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Child Nutrition Department Update

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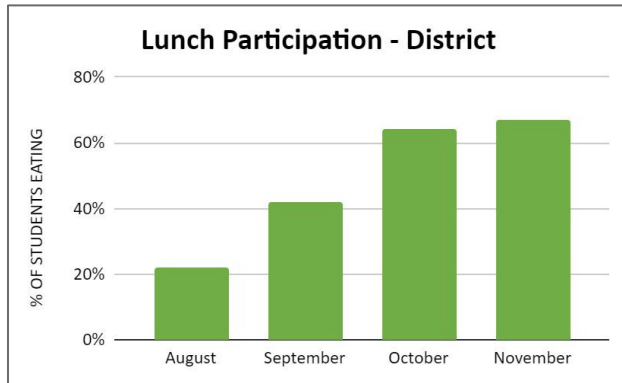
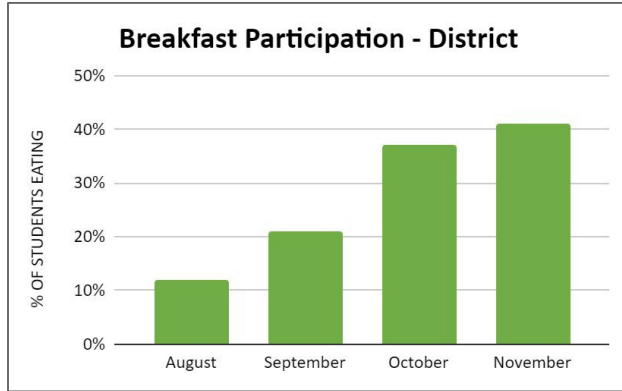
USDA Nationwide Waiver Extended



**STUDENTS EAT FREE,
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH,
IN 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR**

The United States Department of Agriculture has extended the nationwide waivers - which originated this past spring, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These waivers grant school districts the flexibility to provide meals to students at no cost. Lake Dallas ISD will continue to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year. The past few months have presented families with an abundance of challenges, affording school meals should not be one of them.

Student Meal Participation



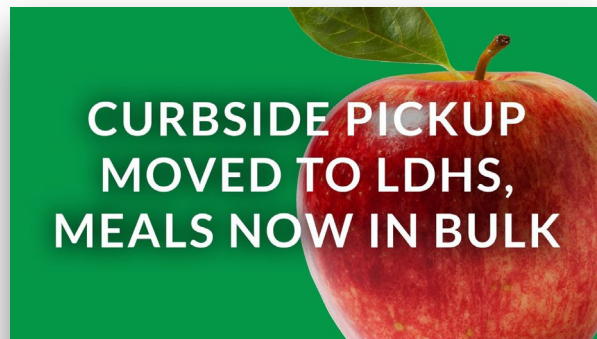
Child Nutrition Programs can measure their success by evaluating student participation in the meal program. Despite there being fewer students in a brick and mortar learning environment, we are still seeing positive trends when it comes to student meal participation.

All campuses have transitioned to a “grab and go” style of service at breakfast, to promote a safe and socially distant meal time. Hungry elementary students enter the building and are immediately greeted by smiling staff members who hand them a hot breakfast, wrapped and ready to enjoy as they make their way to the classroom. Similarly, our secondary students may visit the cafeteria to pick up a breakfast in a “to-go” or “carryout” container. Accessibility to school breakfast has improved, and as a result we are feeding more students each day. Some of our school nurses have even reported fewer complaints of stomach pains and headaches, symptoms they often attribute to hunger due to skipping breakfast.

Similar trends can be seen at lunch time. All cafeterias offer a traditional style of service. Secondary campuses have both traditional and grab and go/express service options.

Curbside Meals for Virtual Learners

Students participating in virtual learning have the option to pick up school meals at no charge. Meals can be picked up in bulk (5 breakfast and 5 lunches) at Lake Dallas High School every Friday from 9-10:00am. On average, the Child Nutrition Department prepares, packs and distributes 350 meals per week curbside. Students can sign up for this benefit at any point in the school year, if their learning environment changes. Most of our pickup families are repeat customers who we have seen every week since the first day of school.



Attention Virtual Learners...

All Lake Dallas ISD virtual learners are eligible to pickup FREE school meals. Meals can be picked up in bulk (5 breakfast & 5 lunch) at [Lake Dallas High School](#) on Fridays from 9-10am

Pre-Order Required. Visit www.ldisd.net for more information & sign up sheet.

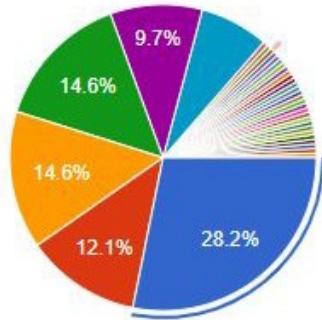
Questions? Call 940-497-2225 or email sreese@ldisd.net



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Student Feedback

SURVEY
Says



Student feedback is critical to the success of our program. Last spring, the Child Nutrition department distributed a survey to all high school students. Students were encouraged to provide their feedback on quality, taste preferences, and service of school meals at LDUSD. Schools closed shortly after this survey was distributed, and so the information collected was then used to structure this year's menu.

Now, as we approach the midway point in the school year, we are developing a new survey to distribute to our secondary students in early January. Both the Director and Assistant Director also spend a significant amount of time on campus each day, observing breakfast and lunch periods, filling in for absent staff members, and talking with students and staff. Having a physical presence in the lunchroom gives us better insight to the needs and wants of our students and the challenges and demands they may put on our kitchen staff.

- **28.2% Mexican food**
- **14.6% Asian food**
- **14.6% Sandwiches/Salads**
- **12.1% Italian food**
- **9.7% Hamburgers/Chicken Sandwiches**
- **Pizza Variety**
- **Varying Colors - open response**

Menu Concepts & Food Safety

Many of our students eat more meals at school than they do at home. We are always looking for innovative ways to keep our students healthy and nourished. We do our best to combine new and fresh with kid friendly, popular favorites each month.

Fresh produce is featured daily, and purchased locally whenever possible. Recently, the department switched from milk cartons to milk bottles. This small change may seem insignificant, however it has been overwhelming popular with our students. Milk consumption has increased and plate waste has decreased. Our trash cans are filled with empty milk bottles instead of full milk cartons.

Food safety standards are of top priority each and everyday. 4 out of 5 campuses scored 100% on their health inspection this fall (one campus scored 93%). Additional safety measures taken this year include - all self serve or grab and go items are wrapped or covered while out on the serving line. Bulk utensils have been replaced with individually wrapped packets. Snacks and extras are handed directly to students from a kitchen staff member who is wearing gloves. Kitchen staff assists custodial services with sanitizing cafeteria tables in between lunch periods.



Thank you

Stephanie Reese

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Athletic Information

VARSIY GIRLS BASKETBALL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Site</u>	<u>Start time</u>
• December 15	@ Denton High	7:00 p.m.
• December 18	vs Colleyville Heritage	7:00 p.m.
• December 22	@ Northwest	1:00 p.m.
• December 28	@ Mansfield Timberview	3:30 p.m.
• January 2	vs Birdville	11:30 a.m.
• January 5	@ Grapevine	7:00 p.m.
• January 8	@ Denton Ryan	7:00 p.m.

VARSIY BOYS BASKETBALL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Site</u>	<u>Start time</u>
• December 15	vs Krum	6:15 p.m.
• December 22	vs Northwest	11:30 a.m.
• December 28	vs McKinney Boyd	11:45 a.m.
• December 31	@ Azle	12:00 p.m.
• January 2	@ Birdville	1:00 p.m.
• January 5	vs Grapevine	7:30 p.m.
• January 8	vs Denton Ryan	7:30 p.m.

VARSIY GIRLS SOCCER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Site</u>	<u>Start time</u>
• December 15	vs Little Elm	7:15 p.m.
• January 5	@ Wichita Falls Rider	6:00 p.m.
• January 7-9	Garland Tournament	

VARSIY BOYS SOCCER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Site</u>	<u>Start time</u>
• January 5	@ Byron Nelson	7:15 p.m.
• January 7-9	Saginaw Tournament	

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Site</u>
• December 17	vs Strickland (boys @ LDHS; girls @ Strickland)
• January 7	vs Navo (boys @ LDHS; girls @ Navo)

Lake Dallas ISD News & Events

Dec. 14, 2020



School News



Lake Dallas Middle School's 4-H program earned the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's **Superior Service Award** for its outstanding educational support. This is one of the top awards in the state of its kind.



Upcoming Events

- **Dec. 17:** Corinth Elementary PTA [Fundraiser](#)
- **Dec. 17:** Early-Release Day
- **Dec. 18:** Early-Release Day
- **Dec. 18:** End of Second Grading Period
- **Dec. 21 to Jan. 5:** Winter Break for Students
- **Jan. 4, 5:** Staff Development Days
- **Jan. 18:** Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday



Athletic Events

Varsity home or district championship events for next two weeks listed only.

- **Dec. 15:** Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Krum
- **Dec. 15:** Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Little Elm
- **Dec. 18:** Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Colleyville Heritage
- **Dec. 22:** Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Northwest
- **Dec. 28:** Varsity Boys Basketball vs. McKinney Boyd
- **Jan. 2:** Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Birdville



Media Coverage

- **Denton Record-Chronicle:** “[Districts differ in investigations into racist threats at Guyer football game](#)”
 - *Note: Article primarily about Guyer High School*
- **Lake Cities Sun:** “[Back from injury, Lake Dallas' Buss ready to contribute](#)”

