

Superintendent's Newsletter
July 27, 2015



We will embark on a new school year at Alpine ISD in a few short weeks and I am eager to welcome our students and family back. The beginning of a new school year is an exciting time. This is our chance to start over and an opportunity to think about our vision for the school year. As Stephen Covey states in *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, successful people begin with the end in mind. Covey describes this as the habit of vision. I encourage you to think about your vision for the upcoming year and the goals that will need to be met in order to meet this vision.

The staff and students at Alpine ISD will most definitely begin this school year with goals, which will vary from one individual to the next. As we strive to achieve these goals, there are common elements that all goals share. We must work hard to achieve the goals we set out for ourselves and we must believe in our vision.

As a district, our goals concentrate on four priorities. The first goal is to provide a safe learning environment which allows for academic excellence. We have high expectations for the students and staff and understand the efforts this entails. When we believe in the vision we have set before us, every step we take to get there is significant.

Our second goal is in the area of fiscal and resource management. School finance is an area of great discussion across the state of Texas. As we look at our fiscal resources, we know that we must be conservative and spend wisely. In doing so, we will provide the educational programming that will allow our students to achieve excellence.

The third goal is to enhance family, school and community relationships, partnerships and communication. As a small school district and community, positive working relationships are essential. The key to improving relationships and partnerships is transparency in our communication. We vow to be honest, responsible, and accountable in all methods of communication.

Our last goal is to maintain and improve our facilities. As we channel our efforts towards student success, we must take pride in everything that is Alpine ISD. Our buildings are much more than bricks and mortar, they are where success is established and memories are made. Our extracurricular venues are where teamwork and leadership is instilled in our students. The years spent inside our school facilities help shape our students into young adults.

As we move forward with determination, our efforts are channeled towards student success. Time waits for no one, so our commitment to our students does not end.

It is with great pride that I look forward to our upcoming school year. I welcome the opportunity to visit with you in the future. Thank you for your continued support, as we all work together to make Alpine ISD the premier school district in Texas.

Go Bucks!

Becky Watley