

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCOOP

August 29, 2017

First week of school:

Welcome back! Wow, what a first week of school! Classes for Hudson ISD officially began on Monday, August 21, 2017, with the excitement of a solar eclipse and ending on Friday, August 25th with the coming of Hurricane Harvey. And...what a weekend of "thunder"! Congrats to Thundering 13 on a fantastic run at the Little League World Series. This team is comprised of students from Lufkin, Diboll, and Hudson. These players are exceptional young men who have worked hard and competed with a very high level of class.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected by the hurricane and substantial flooding associated with it. Locally, we will continue to monitor weather patterns and current conditions to make the best decisions for our students and staff. During such times of inclement weather, our staff work diligently with county and state departments to determine if roads are accessible and conditions are safe prior to making any school closures or delays.

We have had a very smooth start to the new year. We currently have 2851 students enrolled in the district. This is an increase of 17 students from the same time last year. Hudson ISD continues to show slow, but moderate growth for a district our size. The HISD Board of Trustees voted to maintain a \$1.28 tax rate, which is the same as last year. We continue to maintain a balanced budget, while providing exceptional programs and opportunities for our students.

Our priorities are (1) to provide a safe and secure learning environment, (2) uphold high standards and values, (3) educate students for multiple options and success after high school, and (4) provide opportunities for students to be involved in a multitude of extracurricular programs that build character and social competence.

I am excited about the school year, many great things to come, and look forward to serving our students and the Hudson community.

It is going to be an awesome year.

Donny Webb, Superintendent
Hudson ISD