



School Notes

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NISD School Notes, October 21 – November 30

NISD Board Approves Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds

At the October 13 School Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved unlimited tax refunding bonds of approximately \$14 million, increasing the total savings to district taxpayers to \$52,063,007 this year. Administration has worked with the district's financial advisor, First Southwest Company, to bring a parameter order authorizing the issuance of bonds for a Tax Exempt Advance Refunding of series 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010 bonds that would lower the interest cost to the district and its taxpayers. This year, the board has approved three unlimited tax refunding bonds which have reduced the district's overall debt service requirements:

Series 2015 (January 2015)	\$15,395,575	Actual Savings
Series 2015A (July 2015)	\$22,762,776	Actual Savings
Series 2015B (October 2015)	\$13,904,656	Actual Savings

To put in perspective, the district's savings equaled the approximate cost of two new elementary schools or one middle school.

Fill the Bus

Aramark food service and Durham transportation are partnering to conduct an NISD food drive supporting the Justin and Roanoke Food Pantries. Now through November 13, students may donate a canned, non-perishable food item. On November 16, a school bus will stop by each campus to load up the food items collected. Each bus will be weighed, and the heaviest bus will win the "Fill the Bus" competition. For more information, go to www.nisdtx.org/fillthebus.

New Feature Available on NISD's Mobile App – Tip Line

New this year, the NISD Mobile App allows you to report sensitive information to school officials regarding bullying, violence, drug use or other situations that concern you using the NISD Tip Line. These reports are submitted to school district officials and shared with local authorities, if necessary. All reports are anonymous. To make sure you have the latest feature, simply close the app and re-open.

The NISD Mobile App is available for download on an Apple or Android device. For more information, go to www.nisdtx.org/mobileapp.

Northwest ISD Offers eSchoolPLUS Family App for Parents

The eSchoolPlus Family mobile app is now available for Northwest ISD parents. The mobile application is a free download featuring activities, notifications, classwork, report cards, schedule, attendance, alerts and more. The eSchoolPLUS family app is available for the iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Android and Kindle Fire. Download the app on your choice of device on the App Store, Google Play or Amazon. For instructions on how to download the mobile application, go to www.nisdtx.org/eSchoolPLUSFamilyApp.

I Love NISD Campaign

To show your support and secure your "I Love NISD" decal, t-shirt or yard sign, visit www.northwestef.org, or call the NEF office at 817-215-0173. Your donation will benefit the Northwest Education Foundation and the Northwest Council of the PTAs. With your purchase you will be showing your support and pride in NISD, and also helping provide critical resources to ensure that every NISD student has the opportunity to be future ready.

Volunteer in NISD Schools

Interested in joining a group of 7,000 individuals who make a difference in the lives of NISD students and staff each day? Be an NISD volunteer! Here's how:

- Log on to www.nisdtx.org, and click the Volunteer Background Check link under Quick Links.
- Once your background check has been approved, you can access your Virtual Volunteer account to sign up for opportunities to serve.

For more information, call 817-215-0172.

Mentors Matter

Did you know you can make a difference in a child's life in just 30 minutes a week? The NISD mentoring program brings together individual students with caring adults who have made a commitment to meet on the school campus to listen and offer encouragement to students. If you are interested in becoming an NISD mentor, please call 817-215-0172. Mentors are required to complete a background check, a mentor application and attend an orientation. Please go to www.nisdtx.org/pie for more information. The next orientation is Wednesday, October 22 at 12 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

NISD October School Board Meetings

The Northwest ISD Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, October 26 at 7 p.m. at the NISD Administration Building (2001 Texan Drive, Fort Worth, 76177)

NISD to Host College and Career Fair

In an effort to prepare students for their futures, NISD will host a College and Career Fair on Wednesday, October 28 from 6-8 p.m. at Northwest High School (2301 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247). Students (kindergarten through twelfth grades) and their families can experience a night of breakout sessions ranging from topics such as financial aid, college admissions and applications, scholarship information and more. Be sure to join in the discussion on Twitter at #NISDFutureReady.

November School Board Meeting

The November Northwest ISD school board meeting is Monday, November 16. School board meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the NISD Administration Building Board Room (2001 Texan Drive, Justin, 76247).

NISD Closed for Thanksgiving

Northwest ISD offices and campuses will be closed the week of November 23-27 for Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume Monday, November 30.

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