



**Santa Fe Independent
School District**

Superintendent Message



Dear SFISD Community:

Jan. 11, 2019

“The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.”

Michelangelo

Happy New Year and Welcome back! Hopefully, everyone enjoyed a restful and enjoyable break and a great first week of 2019! The month of January is named for the Roman god Janus who represented open doors, gateways, and significant change. He was represented with two faces, so that he continuously looked both back from where he came, and forward to what lay ahead. As we begin this New 2019 Year, it is a great time to review the work that we have accomplished toward our goals in the first half of this school year, as well as plan for the important work that lies ahead in the months to come. Thank you for the value that each of you hold daily, and the critical learning experiences that we offer students and each other to ensure that every child in SFISD is prepared to achieve and succeed.

January is also recognized as School Board Recognition Month which is designated time set aside to thank our school board trustees for the tremendous commitment of time and talent they offer our district and students! They are all extraordinary people who voluntarily assume the essential role in governing our school district. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of our children, community, and society. Even though showing appreciation is an ongoing process, we take advantage of the designated School Board Recognition Month in January to acknowledge the dedication and sacrifices necessary to provide leadership for the students, staff and community of SFISD! Our warmest thanks and appreciation are extended to our School Board Trustees: President, J. R. 'Rusty' Norman; Vice President, Wayne Logan; Secretary, Eric Davenport and Trustees James Grassmuck, Clay Hertenberger, Patrick Kelly and John Snider!

Congratulations to our Santa Fe Indians Head Football Coach and Athletic Director, Coach Mark Kanipes for his recent honors and recognitions for his dedication and commitment to our students and community! Coach Kanipes was named District 12 5A-II Coach of the Year and Galveston County Coach of the Year! This week, he was also nominated by the Houston Texans and the NFL as a finalist for the prestigious Don Shula High School Coach of the Year award! Nominations are based on the character, integrity, leadership, dedication to the community and commitment to player health and safety and on-the field success! We are very proud of Coach Kanipes, as well as his coaching staff and our athletes for their successes and recognition for our team and program!

Our Santa Fe Texas Education Foundation is preparing for the 9th annual Foundation Fundraiser Gala to be held on February 7, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Nessler Center in support of our students, teachers and district! Staff tickets are discounted and can be purchased online at <http://igfn.us/form/b3spwg> or at the Cowan Education Center reception desk. There will be great food and beverages, plus music to dance to by our own Liz & Steve, as well as local favorite Mickey Hobbs. Classroom Wish Lists will be displayed and attendees will choose which projects to donate to. We very much appreciate our Foundation and community as they work to raise funds to support our students and teachers!

We hope this New Year brings you and your family peace, prosperity and joy! May 2019 be a most beneficial and meaningful year for the students, staff and the community we serve! Thank you for choosing to make a difference in the future of our children as we prepare, achieve and succeed together in the year 2019!

Our mission is to Prepare ALL members of the Santa Fe Independent School District learning community to Achieve and Succeed through innovative strategies and collaborative relationships.