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It’s back-to-school time!

And what would a new school year be without a brand new Lamar CISD campus? We are very excited about the opening of Carter Elementary, which is near the George Ranch Complex.

Of course, things are really taking off everywhere in Lamar CISD. In addition to the many road projects, new subdivisions are being planned, new houses are popping up and it all means more children.

We’ll start the 2018-2019 school year with more than 33,000 students and projections show we could have as many as 59,000 by 2027.

Yes, that’s only nine years away.

Our demographers have been historically very accurate. In fact, the enrollment projections are within a percentage point of accuracy on an annual basis.

Even if you don’t have children enrolled in Lamar CISD schools, we hope you think of Lamar CISD as “Your School District.” Today’s third-grader will one day be a police officer, engineer, teacher, home builder or something yet to be dreamed up. We all want to live in a community that values its children and is planning for the future.

I hope you can find time to visit your neighborhood school. I’m confident you will be proud of the children and educators you find there.

Remember, you can find the latest and most accurate information on our schools at www.lcisd.org. Also, be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

If you ever have questions about Lamar CISD, please call our Community Relations Office at 832-223-0330 and we will gladly assist you.

It’s going to be another great year of learning.

Welcome back!

Thomas Randle, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Another school year means another elementary school and we are excited to welcome Carter Elementary to Lamar CISD!

The Coyotes are ready to howl and we expect great things from our newest school, located in the StoneCreek Estates subdivision.

While Carter is complete, the work goes on across the District to meet the ever-growing needs of our community.

South of I-69, construction is underway on Culver Elementary. This school will have the same design as Carter, and will be open for the 2019-2020 school year.

The new George Ranch High School practice pool is under construction.

The District is also adding three practice swimming pools, one each at Foster, George Ranch and Fulshear high schools. These pools will benefit the competitive high school swimming programs and help provide swim lessons to all Lamar CISD 4th-grade students.
We’re Still “Growing” Strong

Lamar CISD remains one of the fastest-growing school districts in Texas.

How fast?

The District’s demographer, Population and Survey Analysts (PASA) projects there will be 49,688 new housing occupancies in Lamar CISD between January 2018 and October 2027.

Of that number, 41,730 will be single-family houses and the rest will be part of multi-family projects.

PASA also presents a student enrollment forecast report annually, which provides three scenarios: low growth, moderate growth and high growth.

Traditionally, the District has followed the moderate growth scenario. The moderate scenario of growth suggests we’ll add over 22,000 students by 2027.

The high growth scenario shows the District could gain over 26,000 students over the next ten years. That means 59,613 potential students by 2027.

Significant housing development is expected in the northwest quadrant (Fulshear-Katy area) of Lamar CISD through 2027. PASA projects the majority of all new housing in Lamar CISD between January 2018 and October 2027 will occur in this area.

2018 Region 4 Outstanding School Board

The Lamar CISD Board of Trustees has been named the 2018 Region 4 Outstanding School Board as part of the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) Annual School Board Awards Program. The Lamar CISD Board of Trustees is also the Region 4 nominee for the 2018 Texas Outstanding School Board and is in the running to be named one of five Texas Honor Boards, one of which will be chosen as the Texas Outstanding School Board. The Texas Outstanding School Board will be announced at the 2018 TASA/TASB Convention, to be held September 28–30, 2018.

“Despite the great challenges it has faced dealing with such fast growth and the effects of Hurricane Harvey, the Lamar CISD Board has remained steadfast in its commitment to provide A Proud Tradition, A Bright Future for the children they serve. This is evident in the Board’s ethical approach to service and focus on continuous improvement. We congratulate the Lamar CISD Board Members and wish them well in the state competition,” said Dr. Pam Wells, executive director of Region 4 Education Service Center.

The Lamar CISD Board of Trustees was chosen for its exemplary level of dedication and commitment to the students and taxpayers in Lamar CISD as well as its positive working relationship between the board members and superintendent.

“Our Board members are truly dedicated to Lamar CISD and they are so deserving of this honor,” said Lamar CISD superintendent, Dr. Thomas Randle. “Above all, they want what is best for our students. Their collective efforts will continue to move us forward and I am so proud of their exemplary work in a time of great change.”

This is the second time the Lamar CISD Board of Trustees has been named Region 4 Outstanding School Board.

Back Row: Joe Hubenak, Dr. Tyson Harrell, Kathryn Kaminski-secretary; Mandi Bronsell, Dr. Thomas Randle-superintendent; James Steenbergen-president
Front Row: Melisa Roberts, Kay Danziger-vice president
Lamar CISD and every campus achieved the highest ranking possible as part of the Texas Education Agency’s accountability system—Met Standard!

Foster High School sophomore Chidozie Nwankwo earned a gold medal at the State Wrestling Meet, finishing the year with a perfect 26-0 record.

Foster High School’s Emma Shivers advanced to state for the third straight year in FFA Prepared Public Speaking. Shivers is also the 2016-2017 State Champion.

Williams Elementary School’s Crystel Ware is the 2018 Texas Alliance of Black School Educators Educator of the Year.

Lamar Consolidated High School’s Air Force JROTC program—Unit TX-792—was selected as one of only 119 units in the nation to receive the 2017-2018 Air Force JROTC Outstanding Organization Award.

The Lamar CISD Board of Trustees has been named the 2018 Region 4 Outstanding School Board!

Jackson Elementary is a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School Finalist.

Ray Elementary was one of only five schools in the state chosen as a 2018 “Dr. Jay Cummings Demonstration School” by the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators.

Lamar CISD is one of the first seven school districts in Texas chosen for the inaugural class of the prestigious Holdsworth Center.

The Texas Speaker of the House appointed Lamar CISD Superintendent Dr. Thomas Randle to the P-TECH Advisory Council in 2018.
SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 27!

Please check www.lcisd.org for back-to-school information, including:

- School Supply Lists
- Dress Codes
- Open House Information
- Registration Information
- Calendars
- Bus Route Information
- Cafeteria Menus

Visit www.lcisd.org and click this image.

Important Phone Numbers

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School Bus Safety Tips
Check the Lamar CISD website to find your designated pick-up and drop-off spot.

A team effort by transportation, campus personnel, parents and students is needed to ensure each child travels safely to and from school each day. The following tips will help achieve that goal throughout the school year.

- Have your child at the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pick-up time (10 minutes early for the first day of school, continuing for about a week, until routes have been established).
- During the first few weeks of school, delays are expected for afternoon arrivals due to extra care being taken during the p.m. loading process at the elementary schools.
- If possible, teach your child their full name, home address and the telephone number of an adult family member.
- If possible, accompany your children to the bus stop and assist your younger students in crossing the road if necessary.
- Remind students to watch out for siblings at drop-off and pick-up times. Encourage them to notify the bus driver if a sibling does not board the bus or gets off at the wrong stop.
- If you’re unable to be home when your child arrives, arrange an alternate plan with your child: where to go, a hidden key, talk to a neighbor, etc.
- Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students will not be released from a bus unless they are met by someone with the appropriate identification (Lamar CISD Transportation Blue Card). The Blue Card will be required for the entire school year.
- Students are only allowed to ride their assigned bus to and from their assigned bus stop to minimize the potential of a hazardous situation.

Seniors Gold Card Club
Don’t miss a game this season, or a concert or play! All Lamar CISD residents aged 65 or older are eligible for the Gold Card Club. The Gold Card provides free admission to athletic and cultural events, such as plays and concerts (Sorry, but playoff games are excluded from this offer). You do not have to re-apply every year. Once you sign up, you are a member for life. Come by the Community Relations Office in the Brazos Crossing Administration Building (3911 Avenue I, Rosenberg) to get your Gold Card before the action begins!

School Safety
Dallis Warren is the first School Safety Coordinator in Lamar CISD.
In this new position, Warren will ensure all campuses are following best practices in school safety and that all staff and students are prepared for any kind of emergency. Warren joins Lamar CISD, after serving as the Police Chief of Rosenberg. He has four decades of experience in law enforcement, including more than 25 years in administration. He has also served as an instructor at Texas A&M’s National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center.

If you would like to learn more about our school safety practices and procedures, please visit the new school safety page at www.lcisd.org or contact (832) 223-0350. Keeping our students and staff safe is a top priority.
Get Involved

Parents and other community members who wish to be a part of the decision-making process at Lamar CISD should consider serving on one or more of the District's advisory committees. An application, and more information on each committee, is available at www.lcisd.org. Click on the “Community” link at the top center of the page and look for Advisory Committees. For more information, please contact Community Relations at 832-223-0330.

Lamar CISD Advisory Committees:

- Attendance Boundary Committee
- Career & Technology Education (CTE) Advisory Council
- District-wide Student Improvement Council (DSIC)
- GT Parent Advisory Committee
- School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)
- Special Education Advisory Committee
- Technology Advisory Committee

School Café makes lunchtime easier!

What's easier than buying your lunch at school? Being able to pay for that lunch—online. Parents can set up a credit account for their students using School Café. After creating an account, parents can view account balances and purchases, receive messages when balances are low, and make secure online payments. Go to www.schoolcafe.com, or call Lamar CISD Child Nutrition at 832-223-0180. Go to www.lcisd.org for the latest information on menus and prices.

Lamar CISD Child Nutrition Department
Free/Reduced Meals Applications for 2018-2019

All Free/Reduced Meals applications for the 2018-2019 school year are only accessible via the internet.

There is NO early sign-up on any campus. Students attending the following schools—Beasley, Bowie, Jackson, Long, Meyer, Pink, Seguin, Smith, Ray, Travis, Navarro, Wessendorff, Lamar Junior, George Junior, Lamar Consolidated High and Terry High—DO NOT need to submit an application for 2018-2019.

All students on these campuses are automatically eligible for free breakfast and free lunch. Parents, however, are required to fill out an income verification form, which will be sent home with students during the first week of school.

Parents can apply online for Free/Reduced Meals at www.lcisd.org or www.schoolcafe.com. Contact Lamar CISD Child Nutrition at 832-223-0184 for assistance, or if you have questions regarding the online process.

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Lamar CISD Board of Trustees
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

August 16, 2018
September 20, 2018
October 18, 2018
November 15, 2018
December 20, 2018
January 17, 2019
February 21, 2019
March 21, 2019
April 18, 2019
May 16, 2019