



November 2009

Klein Community,

Patriotism is a character trait that we value in the Klein ISD. Recently, I saw an outstanding example of patriotism when I was traveling. As the plane approached our destination, a flight attendant announced that we had five active duty members of the military on board. Immediately, all the passengers applauded and cheered. I fully believe that we would have given them a standing ovation had our seatbelts not been buckled.

In Klein, we will give a standing ovation to our veterans on November 11 at the Veterans Day pass in review presented by the Air Force Junior ROTC of all four high schools. The pass in review is always preceded by a breakfast at Klein High School for all Klein area veterans and active duty military personnel at 8:00 a.m. These events honor men and women who have served and are serving our country so courageously. I encourage you to attend the pass in review at Klein Memorial Stadium on November 11 at 9:00 a.m.

The Klein Zoning Committee began work in October. The committee consists of teachers, parents, and administrators from the various schools that could be impacted by the creation of a new school zone. Next fall, Ulrich Intermediate School at 10103 Spring Cypress Road will open. Voters approved funds for Ulrich in the 2008 bond election. After a draft proposal is presented to the Board of Trustees in December, we will hold a community forum on January 7 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Klein Oak for questions and answers about the draft. In February, a final proposal will be made to the Board of Trustees.

The Bond Steering Committee will begin meeting this month. Background information about this committee is as follows:

- The 2007 Klein ISD Bond Steering Committee composed of parents, teachers, community members, and other district personnel will reconvene to consider future use of 2008 bond funds.
- The committee will consider the 2009 report from the Population and Survey Analysts (PASA) and the district's current financial data.
- The committee will meet on November 10, November 16, and December 10 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the board room of the KISD (7200 Spring Cypress Road, Klein 77379). The meetings of the Steering Committee are open to the public. Due to space requirements, members of the community who wish to attend are asked to contact Ms. Beverly McGlasson at bmcglasson@kleinisd.net or 832 249 4171.
- In January 2009, the Klein ISD Board of Trustees voted to delay six major construction projects by one year as a result of a slowdown in enrollment growth, the health of the local and regional economy, school district finances, and the bond market.

You may have heard or read about the many financial problems and concerns facing Texas public school districts. The Klein ISD financial picture is more favorable. We do recognize that we will face financial challenges with the opening of new campuses over the next several years due to enrollment growth. We expect to continue providing the necessary elements for a sound instructional program.

Facts about the district's financial status are as follows:

- we have not had any layoffs;
- we provided a pay increase this school year;
- we had a balanced budget last year;
- we have a balanced budget this year;
- we received a superior achievement rating from TEA for our finances;
- and we consistently receive financial presentation awards for both our annual financial statements and our budget documents.

All of this good fortune is due to careful planning by the school district and the Board of Trustees by being good stewards of the public's tax dollars. We will continue to be prudent and committed with your tax dollars in order to provide the best environment for student learning and the achievement of outstanding academic results in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

During the month when we set aside a day to show our thanks, I want to thank the community for its support of students and staff members in the Klein ISD. The strength of our school district is dependent on a community that cares about education.

Sincerely,



James W. Cain
Superintendent

