

Alvord ISD Community News

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I have some highlights for you from the September and October school board meetings.

Enrollment Report – we have the following number of students enrolled at each campus:

Elementary – 317

Intermediate – 104

Middle School – 193

High School – 235

Total – 849

Friday October 27 is UIL Snapshot day, meaning our High School enrollment numbers for that day are reported to the UIL for the biennial realignment. We currently have 235 students enrolled at the High School, the last alignment conference cutoff numbers were 249 for class 2A and 250 for class 3A. These conference cutoff numbers typically go up each realignment, meaning we should stay in class 2A for the next two years.

New Hires Report

Alannah Healer: Elementary STEM/ART Aide and Girls Assistant Coach

Laura Davila – Food Services

Jessica Palmer - Elementary PE Teacher

Crystal Reaves - Pre-K Aide

MaLinda Wilson – Food Services

Facilities Update – the HS Ag Shop bathroom renovation is almost complete. The slab for the Ag Shop expansion has been poured. We hope to be in the expanded shop after the Christmas break.

DIR Shared Services Interlocal Contract – the board approved this agreement which will enable us to access free Cybersecurity services.

Changes to Local Board Policies DEC – due to new legislation we needed to update our board policy regarding leave for commissioned peace officers. The board approved

this leave policy for peace officers (Officers Vo and Blakesley) which aligns with our current leave policies for employees.

Instruction in the Dangers of Opioids – new legislation required the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) to recommend to the board of trustees the appropriate grade levels and curriculum for instruction in the dangers of opioids. The board approved the SHAC Committee recommendation to use the Drews 27 Chains and the One Pill Kills programs to provide this instruction to students in grades 6-12.

<https://www.drews27chains.org/>

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/mental-health-substance-use/mental-health-substance-use-resources/fentanyl-one-pill-kills>

Board Training – Kelli Crain from ESC 11 led the board in the annual Team of 8 board training.