

August 2021 Board Meeting Highlights

Alvord ISD Family: I have some highlights for you from the August 23 and August 31 school board meetings.

COVID-19 Update: new guidance from the Texas Education Agency states “schools must notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in a classroom or extracurricular or after-school program cohort if a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participated in those classrooms or cohorts”. Alvord ISD is meeting this notification requirement through our School Messenger notification system.

Facilities Update – the district has been working on plans to renovate the old middle / high school building. We were prepared to go out for bids on work to repurpose the building into a district administrative building and multi-purpose space. We have a significant increase in enrollment, we reported 761 students on the first day of school. We had 686 on the first day of school last year and 721 the year before. Our enrollment today is 791 which includes 10 students who were admitted through our new pre-k tuition program. Due to the current increase in enrollment and potential for future growth the district is now considering a new plan to instead renovate the old middle / high school building into an Intermediate 5th and 6th grade campus. This plan is only being considered at this point, no final decisions have been made. If this work is completed the Intermediate School likely would not open until the 2023-2024 school year.

Budget and Tax Rates – The board adopted the 2021-2022 budget and tax rates. The new budget includes an additional middle school science teacher and a new school nurse (RN) due to the increase in enrollment. The budget also allows for the purchase of a new suburban.

The new state school finance laws require the tax rates to be compressed when taxable values increase to offset the increase in total taxes paid by the taxpayer. The new tax rates with a comparison to previous years' tax rates are below:

Year	M&O	I&S	Total
2018-19	\$1.17	\$.184	\$1.354
2019-20	\$1.06	\$.184	\$1.244
2020-21	\$1.05	\$.184	\$1.238
2021-22	\$.9752	\$.178	\$1.154