

September 26 Board Meeting Highlights

Alvord ISD Family: I have some highlights for you from the September 26 school board meeting.

Intermediate Campus Grade Configuration – the Intermediate Campus is set to open next year and will house 4th and 5th grade students. This will free up much needed space at the elementary campus.

Intruder Detection Audit Results - The Texas School Safety Center conducted an Intruder Detection Audit on September 13 at Alvord High School. No findings were reported by the auditor, meaning all doors were secured and the auditor was not able to gain access to the building. Congratulations to the staff at Alvord High School! Alvord ISD will receive at least one additional intruder detection audit this school year, we do not know when or where that will occur. We appreciate the efforts by everyone in the district to keep our students and staff safe.

Resolution to create the Alvord ISD Police Department – the school board took the first step in creating our own police department by approving the resolution.

Director of Safety & Security / Future Police Chief – Tony Vo was approved by the board for this position. Lieutenant Vo currently serves as the Acting Deputy Chief of Police for the US Treasury Police Service Branch, which employs over 100 law enforcement personnel. Lieutenant Vo has previous experience as a School Resource Officer (SRO), he is also US Army veteran. His service in the Army included duty in Iraq. Mr. and Mrs. Vo make their home in Alvord and have three children enrolled in Alvord ISD.

We are excited about creating our own police department. Discussions about our vision for the safety of our students, staff, and visitors led to considerations of the value of a law enforcement officer employed by and dedicated to Alvord ISD. We feel very fortunate to hire someone with the credentials and abilities that Tony Vo has. While he will serve as our district SRO, his responsibilities and impact will be expanded beyond those of a traditional SRO. His initial responsibility will be to lead the effort to create the Alvord ISD Police Department. Once the department is established “Chief” Vo will serve as the district SRO. In his role as Director of Safety and Security Chief Vo will also lead the safety and security training of all Alvord ISD employees and students including our Guardians who are employees who have been approved to carry concealed weapons on campus. Chief Vo will also chair the District Safety and Security Committee and will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all safety requirements from the Texas Education Agency and the Texas School Safety Center. Most importantly, Chief Vo will lead our efforts to make sure we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of our students, staff and visitors.