

Alvord ISD Family:

I have some highlights for you from the July 27, 2020 board meeting.

**Compensation Plan:** the board approved a 2% of mid-point pay increase for all employees except custodians, who will receive a 3% of mid-point pay increase. Although we know this will be a challenging budget year for the district, we also know our staff will face many new challenges this school year and felt it was important to show our appreciation and support for them with this pay increase.

**COVID-19 Update:** The board reviewed the On Campus Student and Staff Safety Protocols and the Learn@Home Expectations. We discussed the challenges our teachers and staff will face managing both on campus and remote instruction. The board expressed their appreciation for our staff and their desire to see the expectations and requirements for students learning at home to be the same as those for students learning at school. The plans will be made available to parents and students later this week.

**Wise County COVID-19 Relief Funding MOU** – each school district in Wise County is receiving \$12,500 in County Coronavirus Relief Funding which can only be used for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The board approved the MOU allowing us to receive these funds.

**Extracurricular Activities and Elective Courses Exclusion Resolution** – The board approved a resolution which states the following: *a student who is voluntarily participating in an all-remote instructional method shall not be permitted to participate in any extracurricular activity, practice, or performance or elective course open only to students participating in a particular UIL activity for the grading period in which the student is receiving all-remote instruction. A student who chooses all-remote instruction for the first six weeks grading period, for example, could choose on campus instruction and be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities for the second six weeks grading period.*

**Facilities Update** – the board heard an update on the Elementary Gym Renovation Project. The project has had some delays with scheduled work and deliveries caused mainly by the COVID-19 pandemic. The new gym floor is installed; the new bleachers are scheduled for installation later this week. The new carpet in the classrooms is scheduled for installation this week, we hope to allow staff members access to the classrooms next week. We do expect the gym to be finished before the start of school on August 20.

**Budget Workshop** – We took a first look at the budget for next year. We are projecting a \$106,317 loss in revenue for the 2020-2021 school year.

The board reviewed all handbooks and approved the Student Code of Conduct and Teacher Appraisal Calendar.

**Meal Prices:** In order to meet USDA minimum meal price requirements the meal prices for student lunches at the middle school and high school were increased by five cents. The student breakfast prices were increased from \$1.30 to \$1.50 which is consistent with the other districts in Wise County.