

Alvord ISD Family

I have some highlights for you from the June 22 school board meeting.

We discussed returning to school in August, we are still waiting on guidance from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) on many issues.

TEA has purchased Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for each school district. We were relieved to recently hear Commissioner Morath say that we will not have to require students and staff to wear the PPE equipment, including facemasks, but we can allow them to do so if they choose.

The board also approved the TEA COVID-19 waivers necessary due to the closure this spring, and was notified of the districts intent to apply for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER) to help address the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Wise County school district superintendents recently met with Representative Phil King to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic at Alvord High School. We asked for local control in deciding how to open in the fall, full funding, and common sense applied to accountability standards. Representative King has and will continue to advocate for public schools, we are very appreciative of his support.

The board accepted the resignation of board member Charlie Matthews. Mr. Matthews has served on the Alvord ISD School Board since May of 2014. Please thank Charlie for his service to our school district, we all benefited from his life experience and wisdom. The board appointed former board Catey Allen to fill the vacancy. Thank you Mrs. Allen for agreeing to serve on the school board!