

Hello,

As the superintendent of AISD, I want to welcome you to the district and to the 2009-2010 school year! If you have been in the district before, I want to welcome you and your children back for another productive year. If you are new to the district, I want you to feel at home and welcome here.

This year we have several new programs and learning opportunities for students. For the first time AISD will have a Pre-Kindergarten program which is available to students who qualify as economically disadvantaged, English Language Learners, homeless, or children of military families. Ms. Mallory Bowns will be teaching this class at Hilltop Elementary. This new program is a wonderful addition to the programs that are available at Hilltop. This early start will allow students to develop language skills and other readiness skills and be ready for kindergarten.

Construction over the summer has included a new concession stand, plaza at stadium, and press box for the visitors' side. The concession stand is being built with bond money from the 2007 bond. There are two areas for ticket sales; food sales will be from two sides. The press box and plaza are donated work.

Reserved seating for football games was sold for the first time this year. There are still some seats available for those who want to purchase. Tickets for the season are \$50 and include all the home games.

State accountability ratings were released August 1. Hilltop, Argyle Intermediate School, and Argyle High School were exemplary. Argyle Middle School had one score, eighth grade science, outside the exemplary range. That score was 86% where 90% was needed. This year eighth grade science will be a particularly strong point of emphasis at the middle school.

District state accountability rating was recognized with economically disadvantaged math being the only score outside the exemplary range using the Texas Projection Measure.

Federal accountability showed the district and all campuses meeting adequate yearly progress (AYP).

In the 2008-09 year Argyle High School won the Lone Star Cup. This cup will be presented to the high school at half time of a football game early in the season. Winning this cup represents the accumulation of the largest number of UIL points in the state in 3A. Academics, athletics, and fine arts are all included.

I became your superintendent in January of 2009 after serving as the interim superintendent for almost a year. My own background of experience includes teacher, counselor, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

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