

DARE TO BE GREAT

FORSAN Schoolhouse

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

It is great to be a Forsan Buffalo! I am excited and happy to announce that Forsan ISD received an overall district rating of an A for the 2021-22 school year. While this is a great achievement, and we are certainly proud of our students' and teachers' performance on the STAAR, there is much more to educating our students that is not accounted for by a standardized test taken over a three to four day period. It is our goal for students to have opportunities to experience success in all programs such as academics, athletics, band, one-act play, Ag, barbeque team, technology and any other program we offer. The lessons students learn in these areas are just as important to helping students become successful once they leave high school.



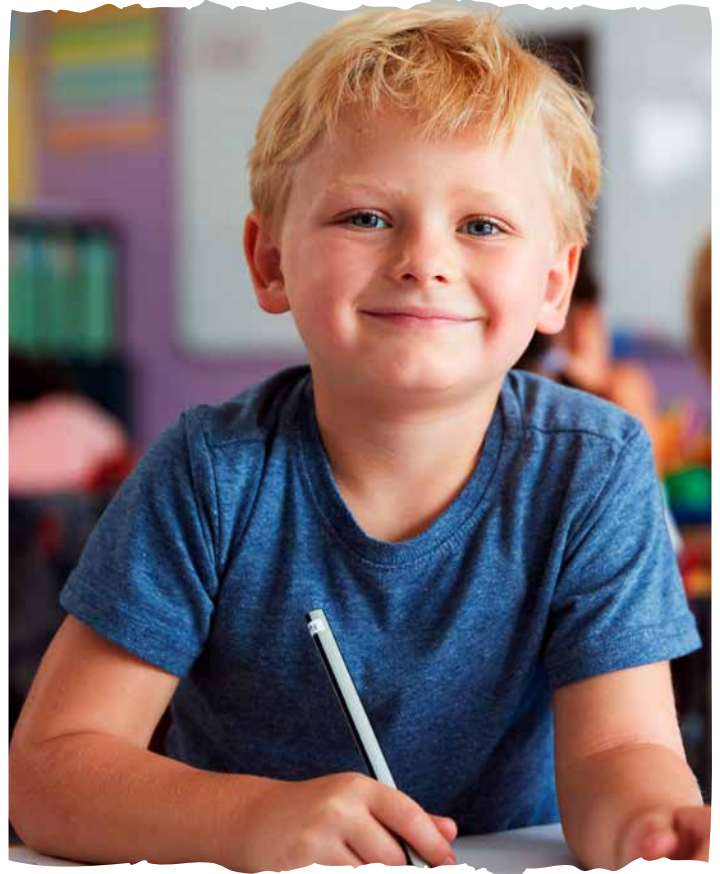
Dane Richardson, Superintendent, Forsan ISD

FORSAN ISD MISSION AND GOALS

At Forsan ISD, our main goal is to develop a true collaborative partnership with staff, students, families and community members. Shared vision, goals and purpose allow everyone to get on board and to move in the same direction. When our community is focused on the same goal, success is almost assured.

Our theme for this year is ALL IN! Through this theme we are emphasizing the core values of the following:

1. Positive Attitude — Attitude is Everything
2. High Expectations — Expect to be the Best
3. Determination — Never Get Outworked
4. No Excuses — Excuses are the first step to accepting mediocrity
5. Self-Evaluation — Critical for Growth. You can't change what you don't acknowledge.



WHAT IS THE VOTER APPROVED TAX RATE ELECTION (VATRE)?

Forsan ISD has made it their mission to collaborate with parents and the community to provide an exemplary education for all students in a safe environment. School finance has become more difficult to navigate because of a continual compressed tax rate each year. Each year, all operational costs go up while our compressed tax rate continues to go down.

One solution to help Forsan ISD in this area is to hold a special election known as a Voter Approved Tax Rate Election (VATRE). This November you will be asked to vote for or against the proposed VATRE for Forsan ISD. The funds generated from this election will not be used to build any new facilities but will be used as a strategy to support unfunded mandates in the areas of teacher salaries, safety and security, and other general operational costs such as bus fuel and maintenance. The increase of taxes to your personal property would be \$0.03 which totals to be \$30 per \$100,000 value per house. The total tax rate for the 2022-23 school year if the VATRE passes, would still be the lowest tax rate since the 2012-13 school year at \$1.1646. This tax rate is \$-0.0788 less than the total tax rate for the 2021-22 school year which was \$1.2434.

YOU'RE INVITED

The Board of Trustees of Forsan Independent School District conducts regular meetings on the Second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. You are invited to attend these meetings. Please contact the Administration Office in advance at 432-457-2223 for verification and location.

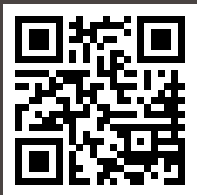
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WHY IS VATRE IMPORTANT TO FORSAN ISD?

Unfortunately, enrollment has dropped consistently over the years and the state is providing less funding each year but requiring more unfunded mandates. This VATRE would generate \$234,000 for our school district. These funds would support our school in a variety of ways. If the VATRE were to pass, this wonderful gift of funds would be used to cover state mandated teacher salary increases, improve safety and security, along with subsidizing funding shortfalls.

Voting Information: Early Voting and Election Day

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted beginning on October 24 and ending on November 4, 2022, each weekday from 8:00 am–5:00 pm at the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Extended early voting hours will be held on November 3 and November 4 from 7:00 am–7:00 pm.

Application for a ballot by mail should be mailed to:

Early Voting Clerk
Howard County Elections Office
300 South Main Street
Big Spring, Texas 79720
hcvotes@gmail.com
(432) 264-2273

FPCAs and applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 28, 2022.

Election Day voting will be conducted 7:00 am–7:00 pm on November 8 at the following locations:

Ryan Hall/St. Thomas Church

605 North Main Street
Big Spring, TX 79720

705 W. FM 700
Big Spring, TX 79720

Coahoma Community Center

306 North Avenue
Coahoma, TX 79511

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

1001 Birdwell Lane
Big Spring, TX 79720

First Baptist Church

Please visit this website for additional information.
www.co.howard.tx.us/page/howard.Election.Information

