October 25 DAAC Take-a-ways

Finance Update

- Tax rates unchanged at $1.04 for Maintenance and Operations and $0.50 for Debt Service.
- Property values increased by $1.2B to $10.4B.
- Budgeted enrollment increased by 454 students to 24,706.
- Added $2.7M of new positions, 2% pay raise and medical contribution increased from $375 to $400 per month.
- All 3 Board approved budgets (general fund, debt service and food service) are balanced.

2016-2017 Calendar

Attached is the draft version of the 2017-18 school calendar – showing that February 19, 2018, is a potential bad weather make-up day if we miss a day of school prior to that date.

Please share this with all of the DAAC members and encourage them to share with (and get input from) their colleagues prior to the next DAAC meeting. Please send feedback to Steve Scheffler.

Community and Student Engagement Accountability System

House Bill 5 (HB 5), passed by the Texas Legislature in 2013, made substantial changes to the state’s curriculum and graduation requirements, assessment program, and accountability system. The community and student engagement requirement of HB 5 is part of the bill’s goal of reducing the predominance of standardized testing in Texas public education. The statute requires each district to evaluate and designate a performance rating for the district and each of its campuses based on criteria set by a local committee. The law requires that each district and each campus be assigned a rating of exemplary, recognized, acceptable or unacceptable. The district and campus performance ratings must be reported annually to TEA and made publicly available.

The community engagement requirement is an opportunity for districts to showcase areas of excellence and success as well as recognize areas in need of improvement and set future goals valued in the community in the following nine areas:

- Fine Arts
- Wellness and Physical Education
- Community and Parental Involvement
- 21st Century Workforce Development Program
- Second Language Acquisition Program
- Digital Learning Environment
- Dropout Prevention Strategies
- Educational Programs for Gifted and Talented
- Compliance With Statutory Reporting and Policy Requirements