

While public school funding challenges continue to dominate the news, great things are happening every day in Fort Bend ISD! We are extremely proud that our district has been named the 2011 Texas District of Character. We are also pleased to be one of two school districts in the nation being considered by the Character Education Partnership (CEP) to receive a designation as a National School of Character. While it is certainly an honor to receive these designations, the real purpose is to measure ourselves against national standards for character education and learn ways to make improvements to provide the best learning environment for each of our students. CEP will announce the names of the National Schools of Character in May 2011.

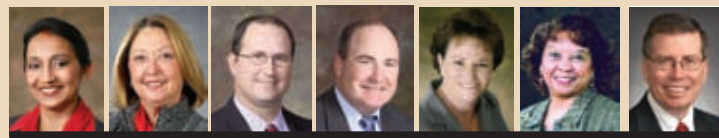


Dr. Timothy Jenney  
Superintendent

The Board and I are very proud of the District's character education program, and we have high expectations for the character development of each of our 69,000 students. We are committed to the team approach and hope you are as pleased with our progress as we are. Our community faces enormous challenges in the future, and we thank you for your continued support in preparing your children, and our students, to be successful and thrive in the 21st Century global society. Thank you!

*Timothy R. Jenney*

### Your Board of Trustees



2010-2011 Board Members: Sonal Bhuchar, president; Susan Hohnbaum, vice president; Daniel Menendez, secretary; Jim Babb, Laurie Caldwell, Marilyn Glover, and Jim Rice.



Students learn TEAMWORK on a Ropes course.

**Connecting to students...the decision makers of tomorrow**  
The FBISD Student Leadership program was created by the Board to interested 11th grade students to focus on developing their leadership skills and explore their personal roles in community leadership. It also gives the Board a mechanism to interact with students from across the district so they can better understand student needs.

Character Development is a priority in Fort Bend ISD...

### As part of the Fort Bend ISD District Strategic Plan:

**Goal 7:** FBISD will foster character development of students and create a safe and healthy environment for all students.



### Ways FBISD Creates a Community of Caring

#### Character Links

The Character Links program is unique in that it engages the District, principal, teacher, student, home and community with the goal of Building a Community of Character. Each week the program highlights the principles of a good character trait such as: respect, citizenship, responsibility, teamwork, integrity, loyalty, and perseverance, just to name a few.



**Mental Health** services through school counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers-providing prevention and intervention support for students



TalkLine - supporting students in crisis 24 hours a day, year round at 281-240-TALK



# Texas District of Character

#### Vision

Fort Bend ISD—the school system of choice to prepare our community for a global tomorrow.

#### Mission

Fort Bend ISD provides an environment for each student to acquire knowledge, develop skills, and build character to lead a productive and responsible life.

### Fort Bend ISD named 2011 Texas District of Character and National Schools of Character Finalist

In February, the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) selected Fort Bend ISD as a 2011 Texas District of Character. Fort Bend ISD is the only district in the state to receive this honor this year. TEPSA will honor Fort Bend ISD with a special recognition at the regular Board of Trustees meeting on April 11. The Character Education Partnership (CEP) has named Fort Bend ISD as one of only two school districts in the nation as a finalist in the 2011 National Schools of Character (NSOC) program. CEP will announce the names of the National Schools of Character in May 2011. Those designated National Schools of Character will serve as models and mentors to schools in their regions as they work to improve. "These are caring schools and we are thrilled to recognize their efforts and help them share their best practices with other educators," said Laura Maupin, NSOC Associate Director.

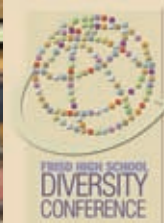


District Student Advisory Council members announce that Fort Bend ISD is a 2011 Texas District of Character.

*"The recognition is rewarding, but the real significance is that our District is able to compare ourselves to national best practices to continuously improve our character development programs."*

Dr. Bob Conlon  
Director of Student Support Services

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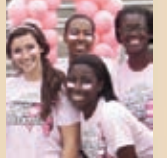
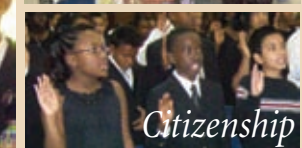
**No Place for Hate/Student Diversity Conference – student led, student focused** - The District Student Advisory Council (DSAC) represents student leaders from each high school in the District. The DSAC members work collaboratively to give students a voice in character education and a common message and focus to promote character development. The Diversity Conference is an event sponsored by DSAC to provide students with unique opportunities to make meaningful connections between what they are learning about character development and real-life applications.



#### Leadership

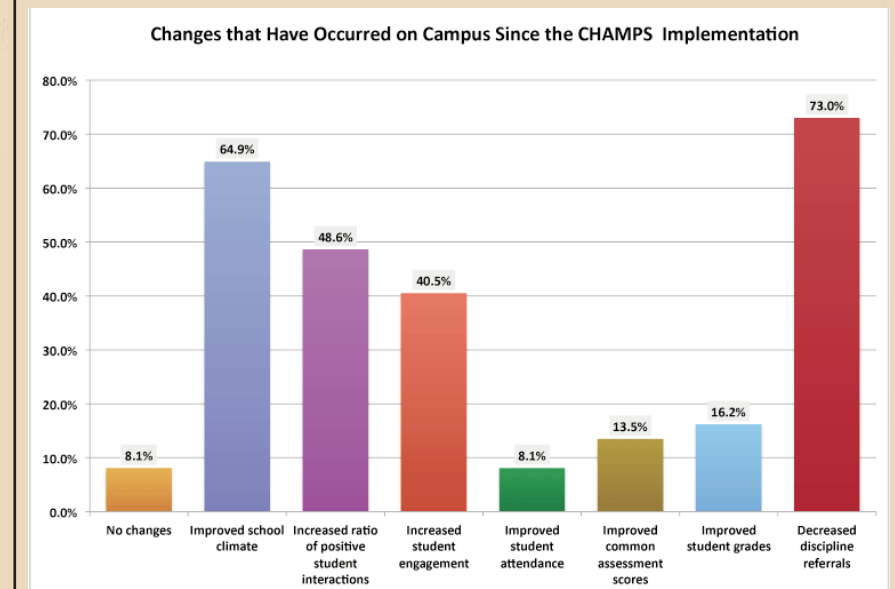


#### Friendship



#### Caring

### results: Positive Behavior Support to Classroom Management



**CHAMPS** - provides for positive behavior support and trains teachers to improve student engagement in learning. "Implementing CHAMPS gave us a framework to improve discipline campus-wide at Oakland Elementary School. We had a 78 percent decrease in the number of discipline referrals in one year," -- Barbie Herrington, principal, Oakland Elementary School