



ELYSIAN FIELDS ISD

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022

OFF TO A
Great Start

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

JACKETS RISE

Dear Jacket Nation,

As August comes to a close, I want to thank you for a wonderful start to the school year. Teachers, staff, and students have worked hard to make the transition back to school. And parents, you have also worked hard to support EFISD and we are so thankful.

We are gearing up for many exciting events and programs this fall and look forward to being partners in your child's education with you. Everything planned is dedicated to creating more opportunities for collaboration and student excellence.

As we work toward a healthy year for all students and staff, I would like to remind you to please keep your child home if they are sick. We are starting to see an increase in COVID cases.

The fall semester means it's volleyball, football, and cross country season! Let's remember to show our support for our hardworking student-athletes. If you can't make a game or a meet, make sure to tell them good luck! All schedules can be located on our district website [here](#).

UPCOMING

DATES

8/30
High School - Fall Picture Day

9/2
Middle School - Watermelon Social

9/2 - 9/9
Middle School - Book Fair

9/5
LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL

9/6
Elementary - PTO Cookie Dough
Fundraiser Begins

9/7
PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED

9/8
Middle School - Fall Picture Day

9/11-9/16
Celebrate Freedom Week Recognized

9/12
School Board Meeting
6:00

9/13
Bus Evacuation Drill
Middle School - PTO Meeting
3:30

9/15
"Just Say Yes" Speaker
Gabe Salazar

9/17
Constitution Day

HIGHLIGHTS FROM AUGUST 22 BOARD MEETING

Elysian Fields ISD's board of trustees approved a lower tax rate for the 2022-2023 school year. The overall tax rate for the district will be 0.8939 cents per \$100 of home valuation, which is down from last year's 0.9370 cents. The maintenance and operations (M&O) portion breaks down to 0.8546 cents, while the district's interest and sinking (I&S) lowers to 0.393 cents.

While the district trustees set the tax rate and budget for the 2022-2023 school year, the district has been informed by the Texas Education Agency that it must send a portion of its local funding this year to the state under the "Robin Hood" recapture law. A significant increase in oil and gas revenues led to the influx in tax revenue and pushed the district over the state's threshold that triggers the Robin Hood process.

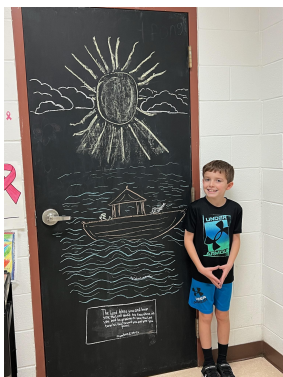
District voters will be asked to approve the Option 3 action on the November ballot or risk having portions of the district pulled away to make the difference through a process called "detachment."

If Option 3 is approved, the district will pay recapture to the state each month "beginning in February 2023 or in one payment for the total amount required to be paid by the district not later than August 15 for the school year for which the agreement is in effect," according to state recapture guidelines.

District Updates

Please make sure to check out the District Website and Facebook page to stay up to date on all the wonderful things happening in our district.

★ STUDENT LIFE ★



UPCOMING

DATES

9/19

Elementary - PTO Meeting
3:30 in teacher workroom

9/20

Elementary - PTO Cookie Dough
Fundraiser Ends
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Elementary - All You Need to Know
Night (Grades 3-5)
5:00-6:30

9/21

High School - LifeShare Blood Drive

9/22

Elementary - All You Need to Know
Night (Grades PreK-2)
5:00-6:30

9/23

Elementary - Library Read-A-Thon

9/28

See You at the Pole - All Campuses
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