

# End of Week Reflections

August 26, 2016



The first week of school is now behind us and it looks like we all survived. The first week can be very stressful with all of the last minute request that have to be completed. All the Technology teams work very hard to make the first week of school a successful week for all of the students. The teams continue to work together for the benefit of all the students and staff. Looking for another great week. - **Jay Johnson**



As we completed our first week of the 16-17 school year, it was wonderful to visit school and see routines already in place. Our staff and students are ready for the new year and success is right around the corner. Seeing everyone pull together to make each experience the best it can be is always exciting. - **Jennifer Miller**



It seems impossible that I am reflecting on the first week of the 2017 school year. Anytime you coordinate 113,600 students and 7,500 teachers, challenges will arise. I am most proud of how our team faced the week with a positive attitude. We over came every hurdle and challenge we faced. It was a very successful start of the school year. Thank You ISA Team! - **John Crumbley**



My first thought is 'we survived the first week of school,' but as I pause to reflect on the week, I see that we more than survived, we exceled! Our team overcame every challenge that was thrown our way, and always smiling! - **Paula**



I supported the bus buddy program at Danish elementary on Monday and Tuesday. As I hopped on the bus with students that live right behind the ISC, I watched every child run to the bus with excitement, swipe their badge on the bus into the Zonar system, find a seat and watch for their siblings, then listen to their idle chatter about the day. I sat back in my seat and took a deep breath, realizing the impact of our jobs, not just with the technology but their overall well being. As the year progresses, I may take more frequent bus rides to remind myself why we are here! - **Frankie Jackson**



School has started for CyFair ISD. We say that like most school districts, "school has started", but the difference is that we help support 113,600 students and 7,500 teachers. We support a population of students and staff that is close in size to Abilene, Texas (with population of 121,721). In top 68 cities of Texas based on population, Cypress Fairbanks ISD would be number 28. That is crazy to think we support a student and teacher population bigger then cities like Sugarland, the Woodland, and Victoria. Click [here](#) to see list of cities. - **Larry Barrios**

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August 22, 2016



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- **Jay Johnson**



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- **Paula**



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August 12, 2016



One week left before the start of school. All of the Technology staff are working to get all of the schools ready to begin school on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. My teams are working together to get the construction schools and the new high school, Cy Park ready. It is great to see how the teams are making this their number one priority. They have many other task they could be doing, but they are working for the common good of the District. Thanks Teams! - **Jay Johnson**



As the teachers returned for staff development, the excitement was evident. Months of careful planning and technology preparation all came together in staff development. The Customer Care Center worked to answer the submitted questions and the Campus Technicians worked to meet the needs. All was accomplished with the support of the entire Technology Department. **Jennifer Miller**



The school year start up is in full swing. Teachers are preparing their classrooms to welcome back the students. I assisted with a back to school BASH this week that provided impoverished children with the supplies needed to start the school year. It reminded me how fortunate we are to be able to give back. My hope is that everyone is giving back. - **John Crumbley**



I think how fast the summer was, and the great things we accomplished. I am humbled and grateful to our staff. Without their dedication and focus, this summer would not have been the overwhelming successful it was. - **Paula Ross**



As I walked the campuses at Watkins, Lieder, Jowell, Francone, Adam, and Dean on Friday, I watched our service technicians and network staff working so hard, and in some cases, in a big mess—I was so honored. No one knew my schedule. No one knew when I would be arriving. I saw consistency and focus. However, Friday was no different than any other day. Staff has worked with the same level of consistency every day this summer. That is why we are who we are. It is not the bond funding or anything else. It's an intrinsic desire to get schools ready for kids. I am so proud! **Frankie Jackson**



I reflect back over this summer and all of the work everyone has done and I am amazed! No other school district would have attempted to do what we did. What made us successful, the answer is the people. Yes, we, us, you- all of us together is what made this possible. Our strengths as a team can not be questioned, our strength together as a team can be seen. Just remember, as Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." - **Larry Barrios**

# End of Week Reflections

August 5, 2016



Just two weeks before the start of school. All of the teams are working hard to have everything ready for the first day of school. The teams are still putting the construction schools back together and the vendors are working to get the new high school Cy Park ready for the first day of school. There is so much to do and so little time to get everything completed. It is always a race to get everything done, but some how we always do. – **Jay Johnson**



What a great first week of August. It was wonderful seeing the Campus Technicians during the week. Seeing everyone jump into action in order to have the best school year yet is very invigorating. I truly appreciate all of the work the Campus Technicians completed in order to meet the Staff Development needs of the first 2 weeks. What a great team!!!  
- **Jennifer Miller**



It was a refreshing and renewing week. As I attended the CFISD Leadership Conference Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by the Welcome back Technician Meeting, I felt a great sense of pride. Knowing that I was among the best educators is the best place to be. I am ready and excited for the 2016-2017 school year. Its going be great!  
#Excited - **John Crumbley**



August 5<sup>th</sup> marks my three-year anniversary for working at CFISD. I'm now starting my 4<sup>th</sup> year. That's hard to believe. Every day has been a blessing. CFISD is truly a destination district. Once you get here, the search for the best is over. That's because it is here! I appreciate everyone that supports our technology program. I've never worked with a finer group of people in my entire career. I am so proud to be part of the CFISD team. I appreciate everyone on the team embracing me and supporting me as we seek to transform public education! - **Frankie Jackson**