



# Staff UPDATE

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Bastrop Independent School District

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## BISD - A Great Place to Work Survey



Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for a great beginning to the 2008-2009 school year. As I visit campuses, I see staff excited and working hard

to help every student succeed.

In order to continue to create positive work environments for students and staff, Bastrop ISD has asked the Texas Association of School Board (TASB) to conduct an on-line employee opinion survey. This confidential survey will give you the opportunity to address attitudes, opinions, and perspectives about your job as well as the district as a whole. This valuable input will serve to help us create a more positive and productive organization that will support student learning.

Please help us by completing the short online survey no later than October 3, 2008. The survey should take approximately 15 minutes of your time. Only composite results will be reported to the district. Your survey will be submitted directly to TASB and your personal survey responses will not be shared with us in an effort to encourage candor and protect confidentiality.

Please follow these steps to complete the survey:

1. Click on the link below or copy the web address into your computer browser.

<http://www.tasb.org/survey/hrs/bastrop/>

2. Complete the short survey questionnaire on line.

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## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME MONEY?

Grant applications sought for 2009-10 school year

Although the new school year has just begun, the Bastrop Education Foundation is already looking ahead to 2009-10 and hopes to award more than \$60,000 in the next round of grants for innovative teaching programs or projects.

While the Foundation is hard at work on its annual fundraising drive, it is asking teachers and administrators to think of innovative teaching strategies and to complete grant applications prior to the January 15, 2009 deadline.

According to Sarah Johnson, the Foundation's Vice-President for Programs,

grants of up to \$1000 will be awarded for programs or projects initiated by individual teachers, librarians, nurses, or administrators; grants of up to \$5000, to programs or projects by campus teams.

“Within these guidelines, the number of grants to be awarded is limited only by the imagination of the submitting teachers and administrators and by Foundation funds available.”

One-hour workshops will be offered this fall to assist interested educators in de-

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

OCTOBER 13

On the district calendars that were distributed to all BISD students, a mistake was made on October 13.

The calendar states that October 13 is a Staff and Student Holiday, but it is not.

October 10 and 13 are Student Holidays/Staff Development Days.



## DISTRICT MISSION

*The mission of the Bastrop Independent School District is to ensure the academic success of all students by fostering a commitment to excellence in teaching and learning.*

## DISTRICT MOTTO

*Every Student Succeeds*

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3. Click on Submit at the bottom of the survey when you are finished.

For those of you who do not have daily access to a computer, one is available for your use at any of our campuses, departments, or at the service center office.

If you have any problems or questions about the survey, please call Ronda Bau-

man at TASB at 1-800-580-7782.

Thank you in advance for completing this important survey and for helping make Bastrop the “Best Place to Work and Learn” in Texas!

Sincerely,

*Roderick Emanuel*

## MONEY

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veloping their grant proposals. These are as follows:

- Thursday, October 16  
at the Service Center, 4-5 p.m.
- Thursday, November 20  
at Red Rock Elementary, 4-5 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 9  
at Bastrop High School, 4-5 p.m.

Details and forms for the next round of grants—to be awarded in March for 2009-10 school year projects—may be found at [www.bastropeducationfoundation.org](http://www.bastropeducationfoundation.org).

For further information about grants or the Foundation’s work in general, contact Allison Murray, Foundation Coordinator at (512) 321-2292 or [amurray@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu](mailto:amurray@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu).

## Board Sets New Goals

The Bastrop Independent School District Board of Trustees approved new board goals during the September 16, 2008 board meeting. The new board goals are as follows:

1. Bastrop ISD shall ensure that all students are prepared to enter some form of post- secondary education and have the employment ready skills to enter the workforce.
2. Bastrop ISD will provide support and build capacity to ensure accountability through the following:
  - a. by providing resources and the expectation that fiscal responsibility will be exercised; and
  - b. by setting expectations of district-wide accountability for the following:
    - i. Instruction staff
    - ii. Administrative staff
    - iii. Student Services staff
    - iv. Board Members
    - v. Students
3. Bastrop ISD will provide a total school environment that is well-disciplined, safe and health conscious and where students feel emotionally and physically secure.

**BASTROP ISD  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING**

**OCTOBER 21**

**6:30 PM**

**BISD SERVICE CENTER  
906 FARM STREET**

*Responsibility*  
Show it!

## Staff UPDATE

The Staff Update is published electronically every month for staff by the BISD Community Services/Communications department to share information and recognize staff and students. Send news items to Donald Williams, Executive Director of Community Services/Communications at [dwilliams@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu](mailto:dwilliams@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu) or call (512) 321-2292.