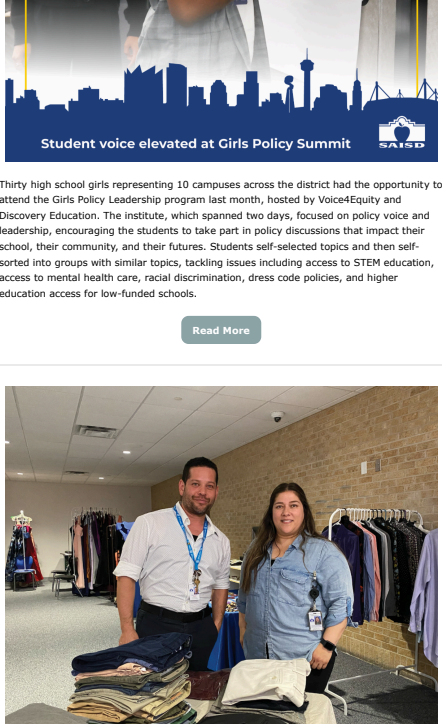




NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT



Student voice elevated at Girls Policy Summit

Thirty high school girls representing 10 campuses across the district had the opportunity to attend the Girls Policy Leadership program last month, hosted by Voice4Equity and Discovery Education. The institute, which spanned two days, focused on policy voice and leadership, encouraging the students to take part in policy discussions that impact their school, their community, and their futures. Students self-selected topics and then self-sorted into groups with similar topics, tackling issues including access to STEM education, access to mental health care, racial discrimination, dress code policies, and higher education access for low-funded schools.

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Lanier offers boutique for formal, professional wear

Through generous donations from organizations, teachers, veterans groups, community members and proud Vok alumni, two committed members of the Lanier High School family opened up a Pop-Up formalwear shop – providing entire prom outfits for girls including dresses, shoes, bags, jewelry, makeup and nails. In this, the fourth year of the shop, they also added a section for male formalwear. In total, they gave out more than 50 dresses and 20 suits, saving students hundreds of dollars.

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Hillcrest supports Autism Awareness with 5K run

Saturday was a beautiful day for a run and the Hillcrest Elementary Run Club did not miss out. The group hosted their second annual Autism Awareness 5K along the San Antonio River beginning at Concepcion Park. Students, teachers, families and friends gathered to celebrate health and neurodiversity. Burbank Mariachi sent the runners off onto the course and San Antonio ISD Police were there to keep everyone safe and to hand out sports drinks. All students completing both the All-Abilities Fun Run/Walk and the 5K run received medals at the finish line.

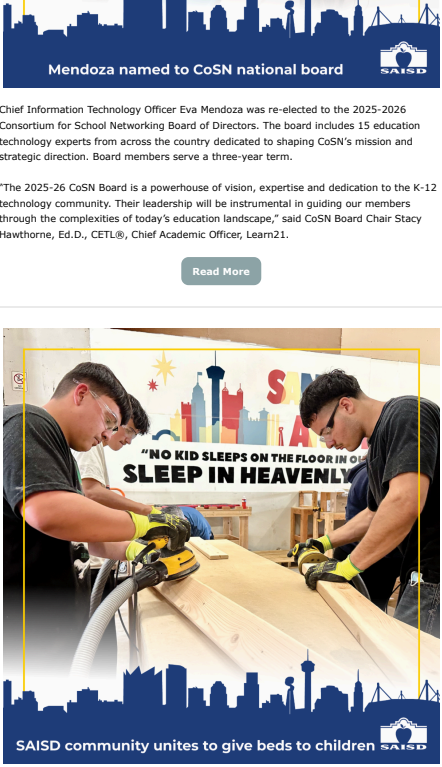
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District honors excellence at inaugural staff awards

This year, the district celebrated its inaugural Honoring Our Own awards. When the call for nominations went out, the district received hundreds of nominations for these awards. The 21 individuals and groups who were honored work tremendously every day to make the impossible a reality for our students, all contributing from different areas and roles. As we celebrate these honorees, we reaffirm our shared commitment to Always Grow, Always Model, Always Achieve—actions that inspire us all to be better and to lead with purpose. Congratulations to all our winners.

[See a list of awards](#)



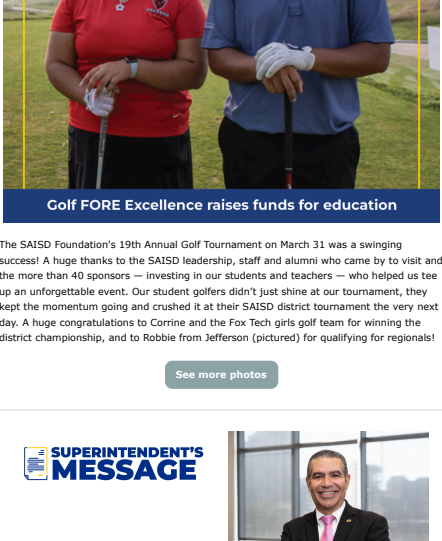
Fiesta is only two weeks away! Now is the time to order your 2025 commemorative SAISD Fiesta Medal, complete with a wallet-sized picture frame. Medals are \$14. Stop by Printing Services on the first floor of the Central Office, 514 W. Quincy building to get yours today. Office hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Credit card purchase only.



Parents empowered with dyslexia resources

Disability Services hosted its Spring Dyslexia Parent Awareness Night on April 2. The event featured a presentation by a representative from Learning Ally on the benefits of audiobooks for students with dyslexia, as well as a talk from Dr. Aaron Aguilar, who discussed testing and diagnosis of dyslexia and related disorders. Following these informative presentations, parents and families visited Dyslexia Program Specialists at various stations to learn about components of dyslexia instruction including strategies and activities to use at home.

[Learn more about our Dyslexia Services](#)



Mendoza named to CoSN national board

Chief Information Technology Officer Eva Mendoza was re-elected to the 2025-2026 Consortium for School Networking Board of Directors. The board includes 15 education technology experts from across the country dedicated to shaping CoSN's mission and strategic direction. Board members serve a three-year term.

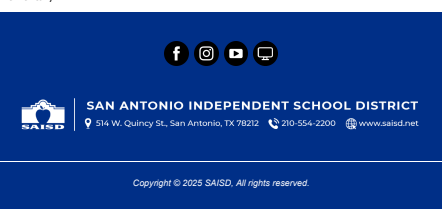
"The 2025-26 CoSN Board is a powerhouse of vision, expertise and dedication to the K-12 technology community. Their leadership will be instrumental in guiding our members through the complexities of today's education landscape," said CoSN Board Chair Stacy Hawthorne, Ed.D., CETL®, Chief Academic Officer, Learn21.

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SAISD community unites to give beds to children

SAISD Career and Technical Education is continuing their great partnership this year with local nonprofit Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Students from Sam Houston High School, Lanier High School and Jefferson High School (pictured) construction programs each built 40 beds for the nonprofit. Because of their efforts, more than 100 children in the community who were sleeping on couches or floors will have access to a new bed. You can help! Sleep in Heavenly Peace has donation stations set up in the offices of each participating high school (Sam Houston, Lanier, Jefferson) and SAISD Central Office (514 W. Quincy) where you can drop off new twin-sized beds in a bag that include sheets, pillowcases and comforters. Donations will be accepted through April 30.



Afterschool team competes in NASA challenge

Will Rogers Academy is one of only 10 schools across the state selected to participate in The NASA 10 Challenge, a STEM challenge opportunity open to middle school students enrolled in the Texas ACE Afterschool Program. This seven-week program invites middle school students to follow the engineering design process to create a solution for a problem that NASA engineers face in preparation for the Artemis Mission. Students at Will Rogers Academy are currently creating a filter system that will clean water to make it drinkable and recyclable. Students are pictured here holding one prototype of a filtration device using a water bottle. As a part of their participation in the NASA 10 Challenge, students were given the chance to meet virtually with Todd Zatorski, a NASA Network Architect. Students were able to ask him questions and learn more about a career in STEM. "He talked with us about the importance of never surrendering your dreams and believing in yourself," sixth grader Emma said.

NEWS FROM THE SAISD FOUNDATION

Golf FORE Excellence raises funds for education

The SAISD Foundation's 19th Annual Golf Tournament on March 31 was a swinging success! A huge thanks to the SAISD leadership, staff and alumni who came by to visit and the more than 40 sponsors — investing in our students and teachers — who helped us tee up an unforgettable event. Our student golfers didn't just shine at our tournament, they kept the momentum going and crushed it at their SAISD district tournament the very next day. A huge congratulations to Corrine and the Fox Tech girls golf team for winning the district championship, and to Robbie from Jefferson (pictured) for qualifying for regionals!

[See more photos](#)

Watch the superintendent's latest *Quick Takes* with Jaime video.

Stay up to date on board meetings with the latest *Board Bytes* video on our YouTube channel.

CLOSING SHOTS

It's officially STAAR season and we know our students and classroom staff have been working tirelessly to make sure everyone is ready. Some schools energized students with STAAR parades and pep rallies last week, giving staff, classmates and family members a chance to share their well-wishes for the testing grades and subjects. Their affirmations are heartwarming — and contagious!

Pictured are: Davis Middle School, Graebner Elementary, Margill Elementary, and Schenck Elementary

