

Back in Session at Northside ISD

School is back in session and some parents are glad but some students are not. It is never easy for students to end a summer vacation. It actually seems very short to me since the last Graduation Ceremony was on June 12th and the teachers have been back for a number of weeks already.

Northside has again grown by around 2,500 to 3,000 new students, taking us over the 90,000 students enrolled in the District. We opened three new Elementary schools, Kuntz which is next to O'Connor High School, Langley which is near the Texas Research Park and Hoffman which is outside 1604 and just south of 151. We are also opening the Dr Hector Garcia Middle school on Kyle Seale Road north of 1604. Next year we will also open 5 new schools including another High School which is named for Supreme Court Justice William Brennan.

Since this growth continues, we must evaluate a new Bond Election to provide for the needs of classrooms in the District. We do not only build new schools but also continue to update and renovate our older schools. Colonies North has received new air conditioning units this summer and we are currently adding a new Science wing to Clark High School. If you have been on these campuses in recent years, you will notice many improvements to their facilities.

We have had Bond Elections every three years since 1995 in order to meet the growth in the District and 2010 is the next cycle. We are evaluating the feasibility for an additional Bond in these times. We continue to grow and really do not want to get behind again. You will be hearing more on this in the future.

I was reelected for another four year term in May and after elections our Board elects new officers so I am no longer the President of the Board but will continue to be a vocal voice on your Board of Trustees.

Katie Reed
Board of Trustee, Northside ISD