

A Record Number of New Schools

Hopefully all of you have received and read your copy of the publication *InsideNorthside Lessons*. There is a lot of information in this edition concerning: *Pillars of Character*; healthy lifestyles; and STAAR, which is a new test that replaces the TAKS test.

You will also notice that Northside opened a record number of new schools (3 elementary, 1 middle and 1 high school), and a new Construction Careers Academy, located at Warren High School. Preliminary plans for our new Swim Stadium are complete. The stadium is a joint venture with Bexar County. It will be a state-of-the-art swimming venue, which will bring revenue to Northside and national prominence to San Antonio.

Northside and all the Districts in the State are very concerned about funding issues that affect our students as we start the new Legislative Session. Northside is living with 2006 funding levels is expected to do even more with this revenue. We need all of you to be supportive about this matter with our Legislators to help us move forward and enable us to do an even better job of educating all of our students.

Please keep connected with the school in your neighborhood and pay attention to what is going on with the State Board of Education and the Texas Legislature. We all need to stay involved.

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