



# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 18, 2012

Dear Parents,

This time of year brings opportunity for excitement and joy in the hearts of all of us, young and old. The season provides opportunity for reflection of family, school and blessings in our lives. Your children's success in WISD can be found in so many areas – including numerous U.I.L. academic, fine arts and athletic awards and achievements.

The recent horrific event in a Connecticut school brings us to offer thoughts and prayers for those suffering through that incredibly sad tragedy and for those in our community who may have other troubles or needs at this time of the year. The Connecticut tragedy has also caused schools across the country to reflect on not only student success, but how children accomplish this in the safest of environments. WISD is no exception to these reflections.

Be assured that the entire WISD staff and board of trustees have not only student success at the heart of our mission, but attainment of this success in the safest, most secure environment. We understand that each day the most significant, precious possessions of our community, your children, are entrusted to us.

Recently, some news reports have brought safety compliance reporting in Wharton and many other Texas districts into question. However, please understand that contrary to these reports, WISD has conducted all state safety audit measures, as required, and has submitted the corresponding three-year document to the Texas School Safety Center on May 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2011. Yesterday, we learned that one response on the survey submitted in 2011 was in question, which placed it in an "incomplete" category. The district will get an opportunity to correct this clerical item tomorrow.

The safest possible learning environment for student success has always been and will always be at the heart of our mission.

May you and your families enjoy a safe, joyous holiday season. We look forward to even greater success for our children in the New Year.

Best regards,

Kay Shoppa, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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