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CISD Superintendent Charlie Alderman receives a \$1400 check from Alliance Bank senior vice president, lending, Jason Thompson. Alliance Bank donates a percentage of the purchases from customers using its Commerce Tiger debit card.



COVID-19 affecting enrollment, achievement

Superintendent Charlie Alderman gave Board members facts and numbers to consider for upcoming discussions on continuing online instruction and budget concerns. He noted that the District was down 78 students from this time last year with half of the decrease coming from CES.

"We are like Texas A&M University-Commerce, in that our kindergarten numbers are down like their freshmen numbers," Alderman said.

Even though TEA (the Texas Education Agency) said it intends to hold districts harmless for the enrollment drops this fall, the District could still see a drop of \$480,000 in annual funding because of the lower enrollment and attendance numbers.

He also reported percentages of online learners at each campus. At CHS and CMS, 25 percent of the students are working online. ACW logs 15 percent and CES is at 13 percent of students working online. Alderman expressed concern about the number of online students failing. An analysis shows 50 percent of CHS students failed two classes during the first nine-week grading period. At CMS, 76 percent of students were failing and ACW shows 21 percent failing. Although this number is lower than what other districts are sharing, Alderman said he very concerned.

He continued by saying smaller area districts were suspending online instruction due to lack of participation and achievement. His expressed his desire to continue the discussion with the Board at upcoming meetings.

Citizens' comments...

Parents Scott Lancaster and Jennifer Knight asked for more information to be provided about COVID-19 numbers at the schools.

In other action...

- The Board voted to repair the CHS gym floor at a cost of \$21,900. The floor received water damage and Alderman explained that a partial job would leave the floor patchy-looking due to the ambering of the finish.
- The Board also voted to sell 23 tax-delinquent properties. Twenty-one of the properties were sold to an entity that plans to build single-family residences in the Norris Community.
- The Board voted to join the Region 10 ESC Purchasing Cooperative which will provide a lower-cost option for goods.

The next meeting of the CISD Board has been scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, November 16 at the CISD Central Administration Building. The executive session begins at 6 p.m.