
September 30, 2024

Community Input Meeting



Speaker 1

Sextortion and Digital Safety

Asked By: Ayaan Shaik, FISD Student

Response Notes: N/A

Speaker 2

Leadership Engagement

Asked By: Olu Balogun, FISD Resident

Response Notes: N/A

Speaker 3

No Topic Listed

Asked By: Michael Morgan, Non-FISD resident

Response Notes: Frisco ISD offers a variety of [courses](#) focused on future careers including business, marketing and finance. For any new programs and/or courses, the district has an internal process open to faculty and campus administrators for application and review. The district decision is based on the sustainability of the program and/or course including cost, curriculum, instructional resources, professional learning, and teacher availability.

Speaker 4

Bullying

Asked By: Leonardo Perez, FISS Student

Response Notes: FISS's Specialized Learning Services Department supports and encourages parents to request ARD Committee meetings to discuss their child's progress and other individualized special education related concerns. ARD Committees are made up of parents, special education staff, general education staff, and administrators. FISS will ensure that the appropriate and necessary individuals are in attendance according to the legal requirements in order to address parental concerns. Should you need to request an ARD meeting, please contact your student's case manager or an administrator at your child's school.

In addition, FISS takes all reports of bullying seriously. The administration will investigate any formal allegations of bullying and related misconduct. The district will also provide notice to the parent of the alleged victim and the parent of the student alleged to have engaged in bullying. If an investigation determines that bullying occurred, the administration will take appropriate disciplinary action and may, in certain circumstances, notify law enforcement. Disciplinary or other action may be taken even if the conduct did not rise to the level of bullying. Any action taken in response to bullying will comply with state and federal law regarding students with disabilities. For more information, please see the [Frisco ISD Student Handbook](#).

Speaker 5

Frisco ISD Prayer Policy

Asked By: Judy Osman, FISS Student

Response Notes: The policies and practices guiding Frisco ISD in response to student prayer requests have remained the same in the past few years. The student handbook, which aligns with Texas Education Code 25.901, states, "Each student has a right to pray individually, voluntarily, and silently or to meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt school activities. The school will not encourage, require, or coerce a student to engage in or refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity."

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Speaker 6

Special Education

Asked By: Gorge Perez, FISD Parent

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Speaker 7

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Asked By: Max Perez, FISD Student

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Speaker 8

TASB 123 Update

Asked By: Shannon Ayres, FISD Resident

Response Notes: N/A

Speaker 9

Prayer Rooms in Schools

Asked By: Misha Shariff, FISD Student

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Speaker 10

Elections

Asked By: Debbie Lindstrom, Non-FISD resident

Response Notes: Elections Update, 10/1/2024

We have 23 voting locations within FISD across both Collin and Denton County for the 11/5/24 election. The School Services department handles the logistics and communication with both the election authorities and election judges.

Election authorities require four steps prior to and after election day:

- 1) Delivery and storage of election equipment (1-3 weeks prior to the election)
- 2) Set up of election equipment (1-3 days prior to the election)
- 3) Final election judge's set-up, if desired (1 day prior to the election, by appointment)
- 4) Break down and storage of election equipment (1-3 days following the election)

5) Pick-up of election equipment (1 day to 1 week following the election)

As a school district, FISD tries to accommodate hosting voting spaces with the least possible impact on school staff and students. For the past five years, this has included asking that judges

- Contact a district office representative for questions, rather than campus staff
- Keep visits to the election site limited to one after-school appointment the day prior to the election for final set up of the area, to minimize the responsibility of campus staff to devote time to election logistics

This year, campuses are essentially closed for business on Friday (11/1) and Monday (11/4), making the day-before appointment both impractical, as staff would need to be assigned to each campus location to allow access.

In addition, election crews are not scheduled to set up election equipment until 11/1. We have assigned staff members away from their normal duties to accommodate this set-up as campus staff will not be present to let crews in. It is this “set up crew” that removes voting machines from their storage cabinets, sets them up, tests them, and ensures that election machines are functional for voting day. The 11/1 set up ensures that student learning is not impeded by voting equipment in the space, but also makes it difficult for judges to get in buildings for final set up, as buildings are not open on any days following equipment set up until the election day.

To accommodate the need for judge set up, the district has taken two actions:

- Paying staff two hours prior to their working hours to be on site at 5AM on election day, rather than the typical 6AM. We have assured both judges and election authorities that custodial staff will open the building at 5AM. Judge set up should take one hour or less to complete, so election authorities have confirmed that this 2-hour provision is sufficient.
- Working with the Collin and Denton County election authorities to allow judges to visit the campus voting location along with the set up crews on 11/1

District staff have spoken with and corresponded extensively with election judges. Based on these conversations as well as previous elections experience, we believe the concerns are limited to a small number of judges. In our experience, judges often even decline the opportunity for the final set up appointment, and no judge has expressed significant concern about site access to district contacts.

Currently, the locations assigned for voting are listed below. Judges assigned to Independence High School requested of the associate principal a tour of the space, and subsequently expressed concern regarding the assigned space, art room F129. This is a room slightly larger than a regular classroom with nearby parking, restrooms, and exterior door; it is also an area easily secured from the rest of the campus. It is a space that was used as a voting location in November of 2022 without incident.

However, given concerns shared by judges, Independence HS administrators were already looking at other potential options that could be assigned, and have moved the voting space to the auditorium foyer.

Allen ES	Cafe	Roach MS	Aux Gym
Boals ES	Library	Scoggins MS	Aux gym
Fisher ES	Library	Staley MS	Competition Gym
Miller ES	Gym	Vandeventer MS	Aux gym
Newman ES	Cafe	Centennial HS	MP Room-AA160
Purefoy ES	Gym	Independence HS	F129-Auditorium foyer
Robertson ES	Gym	Liberty HS	Auditorium foyer
Sparks ES	Library	Panther Creek HS	Auditorium foyer
Fowler MS	Aux Gym	Reedy HS	Auditorium foyer
Hunt MS	Aux Gym	Trans West	Foyer/Atrium
Nelson MS	Aux Gym	Sam Carter SC	Foyer
Pioneer Heritage MS	Cafe		

Speaker 11

Facility Improvements, Safety and Appliances

Asked By: Shyam Sundar Ganeshram, FISD Student

Response Notes: Building principal addressed all concerns. There were no broken toilet or water fountains, and Sem Elementary has the appropriate crossing guards in place.

Speaker 12

Muslim Students and Prayers

Asked By: Yaqeen Aburous, FISD Resident

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Speaker 13

Discourse in Meeting

Asked By: Paul Jessen, FISD Resident

Response Notes: N/A

Speaker 14

Expansion of Incubator Program

Asked By: Vinee Patel, FISD Parent

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Speaker 15

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Asked By: Sara Shaikh, FISD Student

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