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BOARD CELEBRATIONS

Board Secretary Lyndsae Benton recognized the work of North Crowley High School teacher Kristin Easter in creating **Panther Emporium**, a campus resource center that provides hygiene products, school supplies, clothing, footwear, formal attire, snacks, laundry service and weekly groceries to students at North Crowley High School. Easter received a \$5,000 grant from the Chisholm Trail Education Foundation for the project.

Board Vice President Mia Hall **thanked Dr. Patricia Linares**, interim superintendent, for her service to the board and the district. “You’ve definitely left your mark,” Hall said. Board Members Dr. La Tonya Mayfield, Gary Grassia and Board President June W. Davis also praised Linares for her work as interim superintendent.

The board also shared a [“Thank You” video](#) from the Crowley ISD staff to Linares.

REPORT ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

Brett Buxton, a junior at Crowley High School, won the **junior division of the Percussive Arts Society’s (PAS) International Drum Set Competition**. Buxton will receive free tuition and travel expenses to the prestigious Berklee College of Music’s Percussion Weekend in June 2018 where he will be taught by some of the best percussionists in the world. He also will be featured in the upcoming issue of Rhythm! Scene published by the Percussive Arts Society.

Buxton auditioned for the TMEA Region 30 Jazz Band on Sept. 16 and received first place for the second year in a row. He will submit a recording for consideration to earn a spot in the TMEA All State Jazz Band. He also will perform with the Region Jazz Band on Nov. 14 at Aledo High School.



(Brett Buxton)

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The **Heartbeat Team Award** winner for September (Sunia Qureshi, Jackie Carden Elementary) was introduced to the board. [Watch to learn](#) more about Qureshi and why she's the heartbeat of Crowley ISD.



(Sunia Qureshi, third from the left, with Interim Superintendent Dr. Patricia Linares, Jackie Carden Elementary Principal Paula Brooks, former Jackie Carden Principal Vivian Lincoln and others.)

Crowley ISD, in partnership with EECU, conducted a **Crowley Cares Coin Drive for Hurricane Harvey relief** from Sept. 1-8. Students, staff and community members donated \$4,331.33 that will be given to the American Red Cross. A special thanks to our partners at EECU for helping us coordinate the relief effort and to The Home Depot for donating the Crowley Cares buckets for the coin drive.



(Board President June W. Davis, Interim Superintendent Dr. Patricia Linares and Christina Cisneros of EECU Hulen Branch)

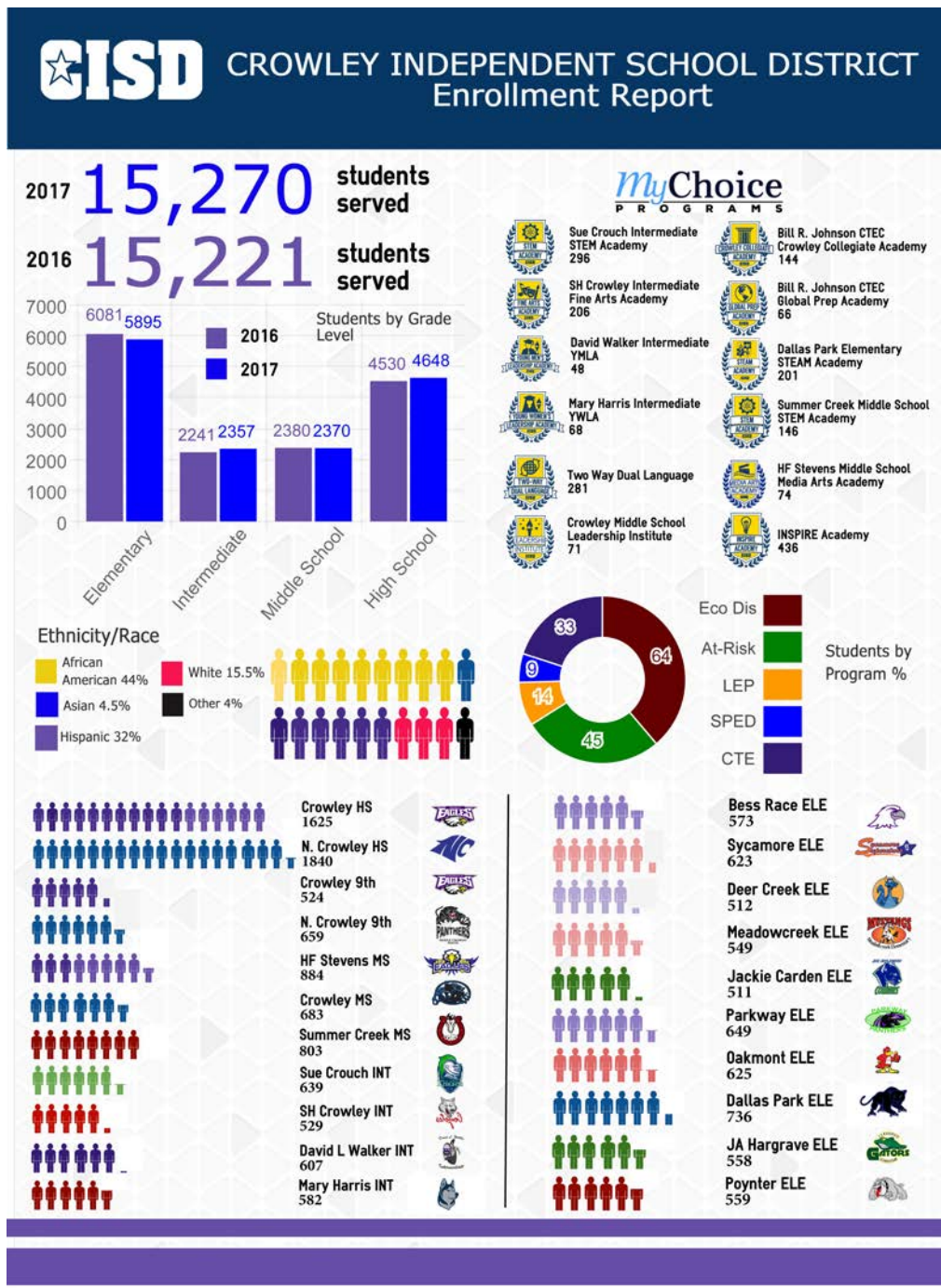
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The board received **Campus Enrollment Figures** for the 2017-18 school year. Enrollment fluctuates, but enrollment figures to date include the following:



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CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the **Aug. 31 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the Sept. 14 Called Board Meeting Minutes.**

Approved the **August 2017 Financial Statements.**

Approved the **Student Transfer Report.** The option to apply to the school board for permission to transfer their children to CISD schools tuition free is a benefit offered to all non-resident district employees. Students attending school under this condition shall not be provided transportation. More than 120 students who are children of employees attend CISD who live in other school districts.

Approved a **Memorandum of Understanding Between TCU and CISD for the TCU Principal Leadership Fellows Preparation Program.** The goal of the TCU Principal Leadership Fellows Preparation Program is to identify, prepare and develop high-performing teachers with demonstrated leadership potential to successfully transition to positions of formal school leadership. Teachers selected for the program will graduate with an M.Ed. in educational leadership and a Texas principal certificate/license.

Approved the **Health Clinic within the District Affiliation Agreement – JPS Health Network.** Tarrant County Hospital District collaborates with school districts in the community to provide health services. The term of the agreement is for three years and begins on Oct. 1, 2017. The location of the clinic services is at Parkway Elementary. Services began in the 2007-08 school year. The school-based health clinic is to provide health care services and improve CISD student health and to reduce the time students miss classroom instruction. The hours of operation are proposed to change with this agreement.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board heard a **Texas Accountability Intervention System Update**, including plans for Deer Creek, Parkway and J.A. Hargrave elementary schools. The Texas Education Agency has redesigned the intervention system for first year “Improvement Required” campuses. One component of this revision is that first year campuses will spend the entire year developing their “Targeted Improvement Plan.” While this process is being conducted, the campus will take several actions.

BOARD ACTIONS

Approved **Texas Accountability Intervention System (TAIS) Targeted Elements for First Year Improvement Required Campuses** (Deer Creek and Parkway elementary schools).

Approved **Texas Accountability Intervention System (TAIS) Targeted Elements for Second Year Improvement Required Campuses.** J.A. Hargrave Elementary has been identified as “Improvement Required” for two consecutive years. The TEA intervention rules for schools that are identified as

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“Improvement Required” for two consecutive years mandate that a campus update the “Targeted Improvement Plan” that was developed during the first year of intervention while the campus and district conduct the necessary steps to develop a “Turnaround Plan.”

No action was taken on a **Resolution for CISD Nominations for Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors (TAD)**.

No action was taken on a **Resolution for CISD Nominations for Central Appraisal District Board of Directors (CAD)**.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Interim Superintendent Dr. Patricia Linares gave several updates:

CISD had an incredible response to the **Million Father March** on Sept. 19. Every campus participated and **950 men** showed up to greet students and volunteer in schools. This event is used as an opportunity to increase parental involvement throughout the year. It was exciting to see so many fathers, and father figures, who want to make a positive impact on students. [Watch video highlights of the events.](#)

CISD has partnered with the **Tarrant Area Food Bank** to provide free, fresh food with a **mobile pantry**. It’s happening on the third Tuesday of every month at Jackie Carden Elementary School. Students and staff from the STEM Academy at Summer Creek Middle School, Crowley Collegiate Academy and Jackie Carden volunteered at the inaugural event. They provided food for **975 people** from 225 households. This wonderful community partnership will continue throughout the school year.

In April, the board approved the addition of an **Automotive Technology program** at Crowley High School. Work immediately began to transform the old shop class into a modern automotive learning space, complete with six bays, lifts and a classroom. The project is almost complete. There are 24 students enrolled in Automotive Technology 1, and 22 students enrolled in Basic Collision Repair. The classes are led by teacher Kevin Wilson who was hired from Tarrant County College.

Also at Crowley High School, the new **football field house** is getting close to being ready. Inspections are taking place and the plan is for the building to be ready for players to use at Homecoming. Linares also said the **CHS baseball field house** is complete and looks great. The **North Crowley field house** expansion is underway and should be done by the end of 2017. She thanked the school board for investing in these facility improvements that will have a positive impact on students for many years to come.

Linares, in her last board meeting as CISD’s interim superintendent, gave a heartfelt farewell, calling the experience one of the most rewarding of her career. “There will always be a special place in my heart for Crowley ISD.”

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She highlighted the work that has been accomplished in the last seven months and praised the new superintendent, Dr. Michael McFarland, who officially begins his role Oct. 2. “I have seen Dr. McFarland come into the district and share his knowledge and enthusiasm with the staff and community, and I am very confident that the sky is the limit with him at the helm.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board discussed personnel, property and received an executive briefing on safety and security.

BOARD ACTIONS

The Crowley ISD Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of new district administrators to serve students and staff across the district’s 23 campuses:

Mariann Middleton – Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Middleton is currently associate superintendent of curriculum and instruction in Lancaster ISD where she has worked since 2010. She previously worked as an executive director of curriculum and instruction in Marshall ISD and has been a high school associate principal in Tyler ISD. She began her career in public education as an elementary teacher and has also worked as secondary school counselor. She has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Master of Arts in School Counseling from the University of Texas, Tyler. Middleton is currently working to complete her level three certification as a curriculum management auditor with the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA). As deputy superintendent of curriculum and instruction in Crowley ISD, Middleton will oversee curriculum and instruction, special services, assessment and accountability and professional development.

Connie Isabell – Deputy Superintendent of School Improvement

Isabell most recently served as chief academic officer for Lancaster ISD and as a consultant and STEM coach for Educate Texas. She previously worked as director of instructional services in Gilmer ISD and was a middle school and high school principal in Longview ISD. She served as a high school teacher in Tyler ISD before beginning her career as a campus administrator in that district. She has a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Master of Arts in History from Stephen F. Austin (SFA) State University. Isabell also obtained her mid-management certificate from SFA. As deputy superintendent of school improvement in Crowley ISD, Isabell will oversee school leadership and student support services.

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