



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



### *School Board Appreciation Month*

**STANDING:** **Jenice Coffey** – Board Member (District 5), **Bryan Graham** – Assistant Secretary (District 4), **Dr. Salvador Cavazos** – Superintendent, **Howard Sampson** – Board Member (District 1), **Ken Martin** – Board Member (District 3) – **SITTING:** **Agustin Loredo III** – Secretary (District 2), **Daniel Blackford** – President (District 7), **Jimmy Smith** – Vice President (District 6)

January is School Board Recognition Month, and Goose Creek CISD is joining other districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our public schools.

“School board members serve countless hours working to make public education the best it can be for every child,” said Dr. Salvador Cavazos, Goose Creek CISD superintendent. “In a climate of change and challenge, they develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students. They bear responsibility and oversight in Goose Creek CISD for an annual budget of \$222,608,644 million, more than 22,200 students, more than 2,900 employees and 26 campuses.”

“Preparing today’s students to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow is a tremendous task. As elected officials, school board members are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our schoolchildren,” said Dr. Cavazos.

Under the Board’s leadership, Goose Creek CISD and all schools received Met Standard state accountability ratings, the highest rating earned by any district or school for 2013, and ten schools earned Distinction Designations from the Texas Education Agency.

The community passed a \$267.54 million bond, approved by our Board of Trustees, and construction has begun on three new elementary schools, scheduled to open in August 2014. Also, the first senior class from IMPACT Early College High School will graduate in June.

“We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of our community’s children and families,” said Dr. Cavazos. “These dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their unflinching commitment to the continuing success of our students now and in the future.”

The men and women serving Goose Creek CISD are Daniel Blackford, president, representing District 7; Jimmy Smith, vice president, representing District 6; Augustin Loredo III, secretary, representing District 2; Jenice Coffey, representing District 5; Howard Sampson, representing District 1; Ken Martin, representing District 3 and Bryan Graham, representing District 4, who recently resigned from the Board due to a job transfer.

“Great leadership always begins with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference. Please join us as we applaud these local leaders for truly caring about our kids,” said Dr. Cavazos.

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