



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Baytown Chamber kicks off Partners in Education school year

Goose Creek CISD students continue to reap the benefits of outstanding community involvement. Business — from global giants to small businesses — in Baytown and Highlands are actively involved in Goose Creek CISD schools in a wide variety of ways.

More than 100 business community members and Goose Creek CISD administrators participated in a successful "Partners in Education" kickoff meeting on Sept. 25 at Gentry Junior School.

Through the Partners In Education program, sponsored by the Baytown Chamber of Commerce, businesses are paired with Goose Creek CISD schools depending on resources and needs.

Essentially, Partners in Education is all about connecting local business community leaders and schools together for one goal — to support public education in Baytown and Highlands.

Sponsoring organizations such as ExxonMobil, Chevron Phillips, CenterPoint Energy, Community Resource Credit Union, Bayer, and many more plan a number of activities for the students of their schools each month, ranging from tutoring and mentoring programs, to perfect-attendance incentives, to academic incentives and lunch-buddy programs, to field trips and guest speakers.

The Baytown Chamber's Partners In Education program started in 1987 with three partnerships and has grown to 30 partnerships.

For example, the Kiwanis Club of Baytown, the reigning Partner of the Year, has partnered with a Goose Creek CISD school for 22 years, and with Alamo Elementary for the past nine years.

Some of the partnership programs between the Kiwanis Club and Alamo include "Lunch Buddies" where club members and students have lunch together; Hot Dog Days to celebrate student academic success each six weeks; staff appreciation events; a donation to fund Accelerated Reading incentives; the Flying High award for outstanding students; and purchasing new instructional materials for the science lab and writing camp.



Mary Navarre, center, of San Jacinto Hospital talks with its partner, RSS principal, Don Beck, right, and academic dean Julie McReynolds.
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Also, at the Sept. 24 Board of Trustees meeting, school board members welcomed a donation from ExxonMobil in the amount of \$15,000 on behalf of its partner schools. (A 2,500 contribution will be distributed to each of the corporation's partner schools: Baytown Junior, Cedar Bayou Junior, Robert E. Lee High, Victoria Walker Elementary, San Jacinto Elementary, and Travis Elementary.)

"Through these partnerships with the community, parents, business and industry — all stakeholders — we can be sure that our students will be successful," said Goose Creek CISD Superintendent Dr. Salvador Cavazos, addressing the business partners and principals at the meeting. "Working together, we can improve the quality of life in Baytown and Highlands."

See all Goose Creek CISD's Partners in Education [here](#).

For more information or to find out how to get involved, please contact the Baytown Chamber of Commerce office at 281-422-8359.

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