



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mayor proclaims "Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Day" in Baytown

Baytown Mayor Stephen DonCarlos has proclaimed today, Dec. 9, 2011, as "Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Day" in Baytown.

In the proclamation read at Thursday night's City Council meeting, Mayor DonCarlos urged all citizens to take special note of the Education Foundation's "ongoing and exemplary nature of this group's contribution to this community's public schools."

The decree acknowledges Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation's efforts to provide funds for educational programs and activities that are not funded by the normal operating budget.

These funds facilitate student achievement and skill development, to recognize and encourage staff excellence, and to expand community involvement from individuals, businesses, and civic organizations.

"The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is another example of a group of dedicated volunteers that tirelessly work for the betterment of our city," said Mayor DonCarlos. "I can think of no better cause than helping to educate our children for a brighter future."

Established in 2009, the mission of the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is to partner with the community to provide resources to enrich teaching, inspire learning, and provide opportunities for excellence in education for all students in Goose Creek CISD.

To date, the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation has awarded more than \$105,000 in grants to classroom teachers for innovative teaching programs. The Education Foundation plans to award \$115,000 in grants to teachers in the spring.

Another initiative of the Education Foundation is the Students' Choice Awards Banquet.

This annual event showcases Goose Creek CISD teachers who have made a difference in the lives of students during their school careers.

At the Council meeting, representatives of the Goose Creek CISD Educational Foundation Board were present to accept the City Council's Proclamation.

"We are delighted that through the support of the community, -parents, teachers, businesses, and civic organizations, "we are able to help fund the gap between the adequate education that the state is willing to provide and the excellent one that the Baytown community demands," said David Frazier, president of the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation.



Baytown Mayor Stephen DonCarlos recently proclaimed Dec. 9, 2011 as "Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Day" in Baytown. From left are Education Foundation members Mike Wilson, Councilman Brandon Capetillo, Steve Daniele, Katherine Brown, Gilbert Santana, Jim Wadzinski, Sandra Bell, Mayor DonCarlos, Barbara Wilson, Tracey Prothro, and Michelle Bitterly.

"We are proud to offer an innovative teaching grant program to Goose Creek CISD educators each year and excited to offer more funding than ever before.

"The Foundation will remain a significant contributor to educational excellence in Goose Creek CISD for the foreseeable future," said Frazier, who is also the president and CEO of Community Resource Credit Union.

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is a charitable organization under the Internal Revenue Service section 501(c)(3) and contributions to the organization are tax deductible.

A group of 32 individuals serve on the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Board of Directors, representing areas of community, corporate, parental and educational opinions.

Backgrounds rooted in the community as well as those new to the area are included in this dedicated group of volunteers.

More information on the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is available online at <http://bit.ly/gcEducationFoundation> or by calling 281-420-4813.

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