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Lancaster ISD...More Than a Diploma

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State Commissioner of Education to join Lancaster ISD students on first day of school

Lancaster, TX/Lancaster ISD – Early Monday morning while many districts across the DFW area will *figuratively* roll out the red carpet to welcome back students, Lancaster ISD staff will *actually* roll out red carpet in the front entries of all campuses. For three years in a row, Lancaster ISD has invited state, city and community leaders and partners to join district and campus staff in greeting children on the first day of school as the students walk the red carpet prior to entering the school.

This year, the Texas Commissioner of Education Michael Williams has confirmed his participation. In addition, new UNT-Dallas President and former Dallas Morning News Editor Bob Mong will be on site at a campus opening car doors and greeting Lancaster ISD Students.

“The Back to School Red Carpet Welcome has become a tradition that our returning students look forward to,” Director of Student/Family Services and Community Engagement Dr. Lisa Bacon said. “But it’s really exciting to see the new students and parents when they walk the red carpet. They are always so surprised at the grand welcome.”

Assistant Superintendent of Governmental Relations and Student Affairs Dr. Lamont Smith has organized this annual event for the past three years and said that he is happy to see it grow each year. This year, the follow dignitaries are joining in the festivities:

- Michael Williams, Texas Commissioner of Education
- Hon. Marcus Knight, City of Lancaster Mayor
- Jennifer Wimbush, Cedar Valley College President
- Dr. Bob Mong, UNT-Dallas President
- Jeff Steele, Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce President
- LaShonja Harris, City of Lancaster Councilmember
- Nina Morris, City of Lancaster Councilmember
- Carol Strain-Burks, City of Lancaster Councilmember
- Ty Jones, Lancaster ISD Trustee President
- Ellen Clark, Lancaster ISD Trustee Vice President
- Rhonda Davis-Crawford, Lancaster ISD Trustee
- La Rhonda Mays, Lancaster ISD Trustee
- Tracey Gulley, Chief Deputy for Constable Garrett’s office for Precinct 1 of Dallas County
- Zach Thompson, Dallas County Health Department

While the Back to School Red Carpet Welcome will occur at all campuses, Commissioner Williams and Mr. Mong will begin their morning at George Washington Carver 6th Grade STEM Learning Center located at 1005 Westridge Ave., Lancaster, TX 75146

Time: 7 – 7:30 AM

Date: Monday, August 24, 2015

Location: George Washington Carver 6th Grade STEM Learning Center located at 1005 Westridge Ave., Lancaster, TX 75146

The Lancaster Independent School District serves more than 7,000 pre-kindergarten through grade 12 students in 11 schools. Our vision is that all students achieve self-sustaining success and leave a lasting legacy. And our mission, in collaboration with parents and communities, is to ignite learning that translates into sustainable success for all students in an ever-changing society.

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