

**My highlights of the March 20th School Board Meeting**

The full Agenda can be found at: <http://bit.ly/AledoMarch20>

**Student and Staffing Projections:**

With the Aledo ISD student enrollment projected to grow from the current 5443 to 5709 students and the addition of the Walsh Elementary, the conversation about staffing took center stage. The summary for the next school year includes adding an additional 24.5 staff to the district. The projected cost is 1.4 million dollars. (In the Agenda under XV. Action Items: 17-18 Projections (1).docx)

**Budget Projections:**

Our revenue is projected to increase by 2.9 million dollars for the 2017-18 school year and \$622,000 for 2018-19. (In the Agenda under XIV. Administrative Report Items: 03-20-2017 – Budget Update.pdf)

**Walsh Elementary Principal Hire:**

I am excited about our new hire – our first Principal for the Walsh Elementary. Mrs. Sheri Coll has served the last 5 years as Principal for Summit View Elementary School in Colorado. Mrs. Coll's campus was recently honored by being named a 2017 John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award recipient.

**Robotics Team Trip:**

Our Robotics team will be taking a trip to Athens, Georgia to compete in the Super Regional Tournament March 23rd thru March 25th. Under the spirit of competition and learning, let's cheer them on.

**TAPR Report Update:**

Regularly, we review assessment reports – how well our students are academically performing. With a wide brush and when compared to the state, our students perform quite well. We have a lot to be proud of. As a trustee, I will always question if we are as good as we can possibly be. Providing our students with the best possible opportunities to succeed and taking academia to the next level is something I believe the community supports.

**Closing Comments:**

My local advocacy continues to include conversations about student academic opportunities and closing the achievement gaps between our subgroups. It is important to help our middle school students recognize the value in choosing courses of interest as they move forward. Reducing the number of elementary classroom size waivers remains my priority. And, as we continue to grow, so will the need for Career and Technology Education (CTE) and agricultural learning facilities. However, the most important advocacy point I can make involves the parent – your engagement in our public schools is critical to our student's success. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Bobby J Rigues, Aledo ISD School Board Trustee