

Dear WHS Parents and Guardians,

It is with much excitement that I write to share the good news of our scheduled re-entry to our beloved Willowridge High School! When our students return from the Winter Break, on Monday, January 8, 2018, they will resume classes at Willowridge – a return that we have all been anxiously awaiting for several months.

For many of our students and staff members, the move back to “The Ridge” will be a return to life as we know it... but it also marks a new beginning for our freshmen and new members of our team. Our Eagles will enjoy attending school at their own campus and reconnecting with their peers in a newly restored campus.

*Campus Restoration Work:*

During our relocation to Marshall High School, construction crews have devoted countless hours over the past few months to prepare the building for our return. Crews have successfully removed the mold and sanitized the building throughout. They have replaced ceiling tiles, wall coverings, and flooring. Our campus is receiving new wall murals, graphics, and fresh paint throughout. We are also in the process of moving in new student desks, worktables, technology equipment, and instructional materials back into classrooms and offices. We are well on our way to our anticipated move “back home!”

While the majority of the restoration work is finished, some minor HVAC work and repairs to the gym floor are not yet complete. The scope of this work will continue as planned and will not interfere with our move back to the campus.

*Student Transportation:*

As you are aware, during our stay at Marshall, all students received bus service to and from the school; however, this all-inclusive service will end on December 21. Effective Monday, January 8, 2018, eligible students will observe the new bus routes recently established for WHS. Transportation is available to students who live two or more miles from WHS. Students who live less than two miles from the campus are not eligible for transportation services. Updated information regarding WHS bus routes is available on the FBISD website. Please make note of your student’s bus route and plan accordingly. [View the bus route information for your home address.](#)

*Thankful for District and Community Support:*

Throughout this whole process, the support we have received from our parents, community, and FBISD administration has been nothing less than spectacular. Whether you donated school supplies or instructional materials, made financial contributions, volunteered at the combined Marshall campus, or presented us with complimentary meals and snacks, you helped make the past few months a positive experience for us and we could not be more grateful. We are forever thankful to our gracious hosts at Marshall High School and the staff members and students who shared their home in our time of need!

Our teachers have also benefited from the generosity of others. Earlier this year, they received gift cards from the Fort Bend Education Foundation to help restock their WHS classrooms. Also, once we return to WHS, we will be forming an allocation committee, made up of WHS administrators and staff members, that will help distribute donations from businesses and individuals who donated money to help replace personal items that the District cannot replace. Words cannot express our sincere appreciation for everything others have done. I am humbled and blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community that came together to support our students and staff!

*Campus Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony:*

To celebrate our return to Willowridge, we will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to help mark the occasion. The event will feature our Eagle Marching Band, dance team, cheerleaders, and more. We will share more details as plans are finalized.

I am looking forward to reconnecting with you when we return to The Ridge. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 281-634-2450.

Sincerely,

Thomas Graham, Jr.

WHS Principal