

## QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING

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# GT WORK STREAMS UPDATE

*The GT Work Streams research, recommend, inform, and suggest best practices for growing and strengthening the FBISD GT Program aligned to a five-year plan. Work Stream membership includes parents, students, administrators, GT Department members, District executive leadership, and community members.*

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During the first quarter of 2024, the The GT Work Streams -- **Communications, GT Credentialing, Secondary Services Review, Student Identification/Program Expansion, and Professional Development** -- continued to meet to progress in their work for the 2023-24 school year.

**Communications** -- The Communications Work Stream has continued to ensure quality and timely messaging for the GT community through monthly newsletters sent directly to parents through the Smore platform, posted on the GT main web page and individual campus GT web pages, placed in the FBISD Principal Newsletter, and shared through Campus Schoology Communication courses. The Work Stream continued to collaborate with Parent Educators on two Title I campuses to develop easily-understandable notification letters to parents of children identified to participate in the Vistas Talent Pool or to receive gifted and talented services.

**GT Credentialing** -- The Credentialing Work Stream recently met with technology services to outline next steps and tasks that need to be completed for integration of teacher professional development records across multiple district platforms. The focus for quarter two meetings will be to test and determine the success of integration between district software platforms. Our next target date is April 30, 2024 to discuss the benchmarks and progress.

**Secondary Services Review**-- The Secondary Service Review Work Stream held two meetings during the first quarter of this year. We are focused on pulling various data pieces to submit for our annual program review. Some key data pieces included the development of student, parent, and teacher surveys that will be utilized to determine if secondary services are meeting the needs of our gifted students.

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**Student Identification/Program Expansion** -- The Student Identification/Program Expansion (SIPE) Work Stream spent the first quarter of 2024 preparing for the 2023-24 GT Appeals process. The Work Stream is awaiting 2024 GT Appeals data to determine additional recommendations for improving the GT Appeals process.

**Professional Development** -- The Professional Learning Work Stream has been working on planning and developing the Summer 2024 professional learning sessions. The committee has utilized teacher feedback and observational data to guide the development process. Our focus will be cultivating and building teacher capacity in instructional strategies and techniques that meet the needs of our gifted students across Fort Bend ISD.

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## **PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)**

*The members of the GT PAC are committed to ensuring that school policies and programs benefit all students, including gifted learners. The parent representatives serve as liaisons between the GT PAC and their school community, sharing Gifted and Talented programming news with their school communities and providing feedback to the committee from their school communities.*

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The GT Parent Advisory Committee (GT PAC) meets virtually the second Wednesday of each month. The membership of this group includes parents of gifted students from various campuses across the district. The GT PAC focuses include hosting the annual GT Parent Symposium, organizing social networking and community service events, increasing GT parent engagement in FBISD, and providing GT families resources specifically for gifted students.

The GT PAC is focused on planning the upcoming 2024 GT Parent Symposium. For the first time in four years, the symposium will be held in person. The symposium is tentatively scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 27th. Additional details will be coming soon!

The GT PAC spring event, Astronomy on Wheels was rescheduled due to inclement weather. This event will be offered during the 2024-25 fall semester.

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# PILOTS AND PROGRAMMING

*It is the goal of the Gifted and Talented Department in Fort Bend ISD to continue to develop innovative programming based on current research. As programming is developed, it is "piloted" at different grade levels and campuses in order to collect feedback prior to launching the initiative District-wide.*

*The 2023-2024 pilot program continues to be Innovation Hour, and in 2023-24 the GT Learning Plan is moving to year two of its district-wide implementation.*

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## **Innovation Hour**

### **Innovation Hour Campuses for 23-24**

Arizona Fleming Elementary

Blue Ridge - Briargate Elementary

Colony Meadows Elementary

Cornerstone Elementary

\*Commonwealth Elementary

\*Dulles Elementary

Goodman Elementary

Lantern Lane Elementary

Lexington Creek Elementary

Madden Elementary

Malala Elementary

Meadows Elementary

\*Oakland Elementary

Palmer Elementary

Patterson Elementary

\*Rosa Parks Elementary

Settlers Way Elementary

\*Sullivan Elementary

Walker Station Elementary

Garcia Middle School

Sartartia Middle School

\*Denotes campuses piloting during the 2023-2024 school year

We are excited about seeing Innovation Hour in action across the district. The GT department has met with campus leaders and administrators throughout Fort Bend ISD to provide professional learning to build teacher and administrator capacity around Innovation Hour.

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## **GT Learning Plan**

Campuses continue to monitor the GT Learning Plan and student progress. In February, students reviewed their goals to monitor their status and make any adjustments necessary to meet their goals by May 2024. GT Learning Plan progress checks were noted on the student's Skyward GT Learning Plan by February 24, 2024. During the final phase of the GT Learning Plan, students and teachers will reflect on the goal achievement process.