



Press Release

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Enrollment on the Rise, Northwest ISD to Open Two Elementary Schools

Northwest ISD is planning to welcome more than 16,700 students on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 23. Known as the second fastest growing school district in the state, NISD is increasing enrollment by approximately 9% each year with projections of an additional 1,400 students this year. Northwest ISD will start a new school year with two new elementary campuses: Carl E. Schluter and J.C. Thompson elementary schools.

Carl E. Schluter Elementary School is located in the Parks at Willow Ridge development in Fort Worth. The school's namesake, Carl E. Schluter, was a 1943 graduate of Rhome High School. He served on the NISD Board of Trustees from 1958 to 1963 and later taught math at Northwest High School. His son, Mark Schluter, currently serves as president of the NISD Board of Trustees. Carl E. Schluter Elementary School will relieve student enrollment growth at Sonny and Allegra Nance and O.A. Peterson elementary schools. The campus will open with a projected number of 397 students. The school's Grand Opening and Meet the Teacher night will be held Friday, August 19 at 5:30 p.m. Schluter Elementary School staff and community members will celebrate the new building with a dedication on Thursday, October 13.

J.C. Thompson Elementary School is located in the Sendera Ranch neighborhood in Fort Worth, projecting 411 students in its first year. The school was named in honor of a former NISD board member and the original land owner of the Sendera Ranch area. The school will relieve student population growth at Sendera Ranch Elementary School. The school's Grand Opening and Meet the Teacher night will be held Friday, August 19 at 6 p.m. The J.C. Thompson Elementary School community will gather to dedicate the new building on Thursday, November 3.

The Northwest ISD vision is to be the best and most sought-after school district where every student is future ready: ready for college, ready for the global workplace, and ready for personal success.

"We strive to help students become self-sufficient, innovative, creative and engaged in their work," said Superintendent Karen G. Rue, Ed.D.

Located north of Fort Worth and west of the Dallas metroplex, Northwest ISD is one of the largest school districts in the area. At 234 square miles, the district spans three counties (Denton, Tarrant and Wise) and 14 municipalities. This year, the district will operate 16 elementary schools, four middle schools, two comprehensive high schools and an accelerated high school. The district's growth is a result of several factors: the size of the school district; the number of active housing developments; and the attractive housing, retail, the availability of jobs and business industry in the immediate area.

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