



Media Advisory

For Immediate Release
August 23, 2012

First Day of School in Northwest ISD is Tuesday, August 28 New Middle School Opens, District to Launch Fifth Career Academy

WHO: 17,700 students
1,800 staff

WHAT: First Day of School

WHEN: Tuesday, August 28

This four-day instructional week offers a smooth transition for families during the first week of classes and allows teachers to prepare with a workday on Monday, August 27 prior to the start of school.

WHERE: This year, the district will operate 16 elementary schools, five middle schools, two comprehensive high schools and an accelerated high school. At 234 square miles, the district spans three counties (Denton, Tarrant and Wise) and 14 municipalities. The district's fifth middle school opens this fall and is at the following address:

Truett Wilson Middle School
14250 Sendera Ranch Blvd.
Haslet, TX 76052
(Sendera Ranch development)

The district's fifth academy, The Cosmetology Academy, is located at James M. Steele Accelerated High School (606 N. Walnut Street, Roanoke, 76262). This academy will open with 25 freshmen and sophomores, providing an opportunity for students to graduate as a certified cosmetologist. Other career academies in Northwest ISD include: The Academy of Media Arts and Technology; The Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math; as well as, The Academy of Medical Professions; and The Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality.

WHY: The Northwest ISD student population is expected to increase by 35 percent in the next five years. That increase in population is driven by the development of new homes and employment within the area. At the August 13 school board meeting, the NISD Board of Trustees called for a bond election to support the enrollment increase with additional classroom space, expanded campuses and new schools that will accommodate up to 4,000 student seats. Early voting begins October 22 with Election Day on Tuesday, November 6. For more information about the 2012 bond referendum, go to www.nisdtx.org/bond2012.

NOTE: **School Schedules**
Elementary Schools: 7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Middle Schools: 9:20 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Northwest High and Byron Nelson High Schools: 8:35 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Steele Accelerated High School: 8:25 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.

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