

A Statement by the Conroe ISD Board of Trustees

June 16, 2020

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As part of the school community, we have devoted ourselves to public education because we believe in the unlimited potential in every human being, in every student. The role of public education is vital to preserving and strengthening the core foundation of our democracy - that we are all created equal. That is what Conroe ISD strives for and what is meant by our long standing commitment to "All means ALL."

Together as a school community, we can show our continued dedication to our students during this difficult time by doing two things. First, WE MUST LISTEN INTENTLY. We must open up our hearts and listen to others with kindness, grace, and understanding. We need to listen not with the intent of rebuttal, but with the intent of seeking truth and solution. This starts with us, the School Board. Secondly, WE MUST ACT WITH INTENTION. We must act justly, love mercifully, and be humble. We should strive to be role models for our students and each other as we demonstrate our commitment to equality with understanding and compassion for one another. This School Board is committed to listening more intently and acting more purposefully as we work to make Conroe ISD not only a welcoming, accepting, and supportive place for our students, staff, and families but an environment where our students thrive and reach even greater heights than ever before.

As a School Board, we are thankful for our Superintendent's heart and continued desire to work toward these goals. We are grateful for the Conroe ISD staff. They continue to strive to achieve the best for our students. They are not only our students' role models but ours as well. We saw firsthand the fruits of their labor in the 10 amazing graduation ceremonies that occurred two weeks ago. We celebrated the success of over 4,000 seniors while keeping our students and families safe.

We are also thankful for the men and women in the Conroe ISD Police Department. They work tirelessly and courageously to help make our schools safe places for our students, staff, and families. They exemplify what community policing is and should be.

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