



Lovejoy Independent School District
State of the District Report
 2008 - 2009



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From your Superintendent...

Dear Lovejoy Community:

I am pleased to submit this State of the District report as evidence of the success of your public schools. Your support, both in time and dollars, has enabled us to transition this once *elementary only* district into a full K-12 program that strives for excellence, the same as your elementary program did in the days of the "Little Red Schoolhouse." Lovejoy ISD will graduate our first senior class from Lovejoy High School in 2010—what a proud moment that will be for our community.

I offer the following indicators that Lovejoy ISD continues to thrive as a healthy organization:

- Our financial position continues to be strong as evidenced by another balanced budget in 2008-09, a Superior rating on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (F.I.R.S.T.), and a healthy fund balance approaching 17% of this year's total budget.
- Our academic achievement continues strong as our mastery levels on the state assessment continue to improve, resulting in Lovejoy ISD being ranked in the **Top 5%** of all Texas school districts on commended performance in all subject areas. There are approximately 1,200 public school districts in Texas.
- Our Lovejoy ISD is rated as an Exemplary School District by the State of Texas; there are only 43 Exemplary Districts in the State.
- Our Fine Arts program continues to excel as evidenced by results from the band state marching contest, regional choir auditions, middle school One Act Play contest, as well as the recent production of "The Sound of Music."
- Our Athletic programs are increasingly successful. Our varsity football program advanced to the playoffs during their first ever varsity season. Both boys' and girls' cross country teams advanced to the state meet and of course, our Lady Leopard Volleyball team won the State Class 3-A Championship.

Our student enrollment continues to grow as parents searching for excellence in schools, choose Lovejoy ISD as the place to educate their children.

Lovejoy ISD has committed and dedicated teachers in our classrooms, you send us children that are second to none, and as a community, you give generously of your time and money to allow our schools to meet the needs of each child. We encourage you to continue to partner with us and to hold us to the highest standards of accountability to meet the needs of each child in Lovejoy ISD.

Lovejoy is a great community in which to live and work. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you and your children as the leader of our district.

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With Respect,

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