

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S POINT OF VIEW**

### Reflections of 2007

As the joyous holiday season approaches, the air crackles with anticipation for children of all ages. The winter weather also helps it feel more like Christmas time. How fortunate we are to live in a land where we are able to freely celebrate the holidays of our choosing. In looking back on the events of 2007, I feel even more blessed to be living in Comfort, Texas.

Upon arriving to a new place, one is often nervous about the reception. I can honestly say that my family and I continue to feel very welcome and comfortable here at Comfort. Never once have we experienced the "cold shoulder" from anyone. For that I am truly thankful to you as a community, not only from my perspective, but from each member of my family. Thank you.

As the summer months quickly came and went, positive office relations were established and construction began. I quickly developed a great respect for each of the seven school board members. It's not everyday you find all seven members wanting the same thing—what's best for students. I feel very fortunate to work with President Barb Lindner, Vice President Eric Lantz, Secretary Marshall Jennings, Jane Neuenschwander, Ray Avery, Agustin Avalos and Dr. Benji Alldredge. These seven people constantly strive to make the district better for students and teachers.

With all of the construction paraphernalia being brought to each of the campuses, things were a little different for students and staff as school began in August. I am so proud of the flexibility the parents, students and staff have shown through each phase of construction. As I walk through some of the campuses, I hear loud bangs, sometimes the floor shakes and even the windows have been known to rattle in some of the classrooms, but believe it or not, I haven't heard many complaints.

It seems like yesterday I was walking through the campus hallways looking at the "Back to School" bulletin boards and now it's December and another year is about to end. There are many exciting things taking place in 2008, but I think finishing construction projects at the three campuses may top the list as the most favorable. Springtime 2008 brings the very important TAKS tests, spring sports, stock shows and many more exciting events. Please read the informational articles beginning in January for up to date information and hot topics throughout the district.

Once again, thank you Comfort ISD supporters for helping to make 2007 a great year. As we remember the real reason for the holiday season, please be safe and most of all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

John Chapman, Superintendent