

Hello Comfort ISD Supporters!

My name is John Chapman, and I am very excited to be your new superintendent. My family and I moved from the North Central Texas town of Chillicothe which is close to the Oklahoma border on HWY 287. We are very excited to be a part of such a historic and not to mention, beautiful Hill Country town.

I would like to take this time to share my personal educational philosophy and goals for Comfort ISD. I think the number one goal is to make every graduate from Comfort ISD a successful person in any path they choose. In order to achieve that goal, they have to have a strong educational background. Just as the students have to work hard, the district employees have to be accountable for their actions and communicate effectively.

Accountability is a strong word. However, when you are talking about the future citizens and possible leaders of our civic, state and national organizations, accountability is a necessity. I believe that accountability should be seen positively instead of negatively. Accountability within the school system begins with the taxpayers. The taxpayers elect members of the community to represent them which comprises the governing body of the school district, in other words, the School Board. Comfort ISD has the privilege of having seven members that are continuously striving to make the school district better and educating themselves on the issues at hand. As the school board members are held accountable by the community, the superintendent is held accountable by the school board. The accountability cycle keeps the district within compliance and hopefully running smoothly.

Another phase of my philosophy is communication. In order to have a successful school district, all shareholders have to have common knowledge of goals and objectives. The left hand has to know what the right hand is doing so everyone will be on the same page so to speak. When the coffee shop talk turns to school business, it would benefit the school district if the information was accurate and correct. In order for that to happen, community members need to know first hand information from the actual sources rather than second hand information from inaccurate sources. The Comfort Newspaper has been kind enough to agree to publish several informative articles from the Superintendent's Point of View. I would like to invite you to participate by asking questions that I may publish the answer. I challenge you to come by the office, use my email from the Comfort ISD website or call on the phone to submit written questions so they may be understood better. If I can't answer them, I will try to find the source that it is directed so facts will be shared.

I challenge you as a community to facilitate the growth of our school district by keeping each other accountable, communicating effectively with fact based information and ultimately, allowing our children to feel secure in a community that promotes a quality education.