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TEXAS LEADS THE NATION IN STEM EDUCATION

Texas stands as a frontrunner in STEM education, with high-quality science, technology, engineering, and math programs across the state. Here are some compelling data-driven facts that highlight Texas ISDs' commitment to STEM education:

- In the 2020-2021 school year, over 233,000 Texas high school students were enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses focused on STEM fields, out of a total enrollment of over 1 million students, demonstrating Texas ISDs' dedication to nurturing the next generation of STEM professionals.
- According to a Texas Education Agency's report, in the 2019-2020 school year, 84% of Texas public high school students took at least one math course beyond Algebra II, while 56% of students pursued at least one science course beyond biology. These statistics underscore educators' focus on advancing STEM education.
- Texas ISDs are home to many STEM-focused schools and academies that provide specialized learning environments to empower and cultivate the potential of students interested in STEM disciplines.
- Texas ISDs offer various STEM-focused professional development opportunities for teachers. By investing in the growth and expertise of educators, ISDs strengthen their educational foundation and ensure students receive high-quality STEM instruction.
- According to the National Science Foundation, in 2020, Texas ranked third in the country for the number of bachelor's degrees awarded in science and engineering fields, trailing behind only California and New York. Texas Public Schools produce a significant number of skilled STEM graduates.
- The demand for workers with STEM skills in Texas's economy remains high. The Texas Workforce Commission projects that STEM-related occupations will experience faster growth than non-STEM occupations over the next decade. Additionally, STEM careers tend to offer higher wages, making them a pathway to economic prosperity.

Texas ISDs' emphasis on preparing students for success in STEM fields not only benefits the state, but also contributes to national progress. By fostering a robust STEM ecosystem, Texas ISDs are fueling innovation, research, and technological advancements, shaping a brighter future for all.

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Hello Friends!

Despite the Governor and Texas Legislature working so hard to undermine and insult your excellent work each and every day, you've continued serving the wonderful students and families all across this state with honor, professionalism, and love. With all credit to you and absolutely none to our state or commissioner, it's been another remarkable school year with many amazing success stories in our Texas Public Schools, and by that we mean in our 1,023 independent school districts. God bless each of you for your dedication to our students and communities.

Rest up this summer! Another wild and crazy school year is just around the corner.

Together,
Leslie & Scott Milder

Educate Texas, an educational initiative of Communities Foundation of Texas, is the trusted change agent to strengthen Texas public K-12 and post-secondary higher education. For more than a decade, we have worked side-by-side with our partners to empower students to realize their dreams and fuel a thriving Texas.

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SOCIAL SHARE OF THE MONTH

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Former North East ISD graduate, Elsotte Woodford, has performed on multiple world tours with Taylor Swift as a backup singer and dancer.

She credits her success to the education and support she received at Reagan High School, where she was able to excel academically and in the arts.

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We are a bit of a different type of organization...one that doesn't invest energy in education reform, but rather in celebrating what's right with our schools. We are an apolitical organization focused on educating all Texans about the virtues and achievements of our Texas public schools.

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