

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Now that the 82nd Texas legislative special session is over and some of the dust has settled, I would like for our community to know how the school district has "faired" in relationship to the new budget passed. If you are not aware, the state of Texas was approximately 9-15 billion dollars short in its projected revenue for the bi-ennian and as a result, funding for education in the state was cut by 4 billion dollars. What does this mean to Mt. Vernon ISD? It means that we will be operating on a very tight budget and will be looking for ways to better utilize our resources. Mount Vernon ISD will lose approximately \$714, 000 in state funding for school year 2011-12 and 1.1million dollars in state funding for school year 2012-2013. Mount Vernon ISD is fortunate enough that we will be able to weather this storm by using our fund balance to make up for the decrease in state revenue.

Although our state funding has significantly decreased, we are committed to providing the best education possible for all our students! In saying this, I want our community to know we will continue to be fiscally responsible with our funds while not detracting from the educational responsibilities to our students. One way we are doing this is by offering our students the opportunity to participate in a new, two year state certification program in cosmetology and health sciences. We are excited about offering these opportunities to our students and look forward to their successes! We have also refined some of our other classes to maximize student participation and meet their ever-changing needs. We are looking forward to a great school year and are excited about the prospect for the future, feel free to visit any campus and see what's new at Mount Vernon ISD!

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