

# INFORMER

DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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## Duncanville ISD Board Approves Strategic Plan, Provides Road Map for School District

The Duncanville Independent School District Board of Trustees established a clear direction for the district with the approval of a strategic plan at last night's board meeting. In a unanimous vote, the board accepted the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan that was developed by a 30-member planning committee that met for daylong meetings last month.

"This plan shows that we are moving the district forward," said Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees President Phil McNeely. He added that as the district proceeds to select a new superintendent, it benefits Duncanville ISD to select a leader who understands the importance of a clear direction for the district.

The Strategic Planning Committee, which consisted of teachers, principals, parents, students, community members and two school board members, developed a vision statement: "Duncanville ISD – Writing success stories, one student at a time."

To view the full version of the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan, click [here](#).



## TEA Report Cards Now Available Online



The Texas Education Agency has released its report cards for the 2014-2015 school year. To view, click the link on the home page of individual campuses. For example,

## District Honors "Made With Pride in Duncanville" Teacher, Staff & Students for January



Duncanville ISD presented the district's three "Made with Pride in Duncanville" awards to honorees last night.

**Judith Figueroa** is a Hastings Elementary second grade bilingual teacher. Ms. Figueroa initiated a plan to conduct classes for parents during her conference period on Fridays so they can learn the same math and reading lessons as their students. With her strong commitment to students and their parents, Ms. Figueroa exemplifies the district's core belief of schools impacting communities.

**Bethany Mullins** is the receptionist and help desk technician at the Technology Department's Idea Hub. The person who nominated Ms. Mullins said, "She regularly goes above and beyond to help us. The help is provided in an upbeat and positive manner. She always works tirelessly to fix computer issues. Even if it is a minor issue, Ms. Mullins communicates effectively and often."

The "Enrichment Girls", a group of 4th graders at Acton Elementary, stay after school every Tuesday and Thursday to collaborate on questions and answers to promote higher level thinking.

All six girls: **Mary Jane Molinar, Reese Hunter, Lilly Salcedo, Crystal Zamora, Paola Labastida and Aundrea Malveaux** are on the A&B Honor Roll, receive excellent scores in conduct and are considered leaders of their 4th grade class.

Read [more](#).

[here](#) is Brandenburg Intermediate's report card. This week, parents will be notified how to access the school report cards online. For parents without internet access, please make printouts available.

## DHS Band Students Earn Top Spot in State



Four Duncanville High School students received the highest recognition of individual musical achievement by qualifying for the All State Band this past weekend. They auditioned on Saturday, January 9 with students from the Dallas area, Central Texas, North Austin and North Houston.

The series of competitions began last fall with 55,000 band students from around the state vying for a spot. During the first round of competition, Duncanville had a record number of 139 students earn a place in the All Region Bands. DHS band members earned 11 "first chairs" – which designates

## Congrats to the January Made With Pride Honorees!



Judith Figueroa Bethany Mullins Acton Elem. "Enrichment Girls"  
Teacher Staff Students

them the best musician in their respective sections. A total of 36 Duncanville students advanced to the next level of competition: Pre-Area. Those students will participate in the Texas Music Educators Association's Region 20 clinic and concert January 21-22 at Duncanville High School.

From Pre-Area, DHS had 18 students advance to the Area audition; four students were chosen to the All State Band and one was chosen as an alternate. This achievement is a special and unique honor. Those four All State band students represent the top 1-percent of all high school band students from across the state.

See individual results [here](#).

## DHS Youth & Government Students Prep for State

Duncanville High School's Youth and Government club is preparing for the state meet coming up later this month. DHS sent 167 students to the District V meet in November – which is more than three times the number of Duncanville students who participated last year.



All of Duncanville's students qualified for the state meet January 28 - 31. For individual awards, read [more](#).



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