

INFORMER

DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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Board Names Superintendent Finalist



Yesterday, Duncanville Independent School District's Board of Trustees named Dr. Marc Smith the lone finalist in their search for a new superintendent. Dr. Smith is currently the superintendent in Marshall Independent School District, where he has been their top leader since March 2012. After announcing Dr. Smith as the finalist, state law requires a 21-day waiting period before a contract can be issued.

With Dr. Smith at the helm, Marshall ISD has achieved a "Met Standard" accountability rating the past two years from the Texas

Education Agency (TEA). In May 2015, Dr. Smith led Marshall ISD through a successful \$109.210 million bond election project, the first successful bond election for the school district in nearly 30 years. Prior to Marshall ISD, Dr. Smith served as Assistant Superintendent for Fort Bend Independent School District, the seventh largest school district in Texas. Dr. Smith's education includes a doctorate degree in Administration and Supervision from the University of Houston, and a master's degree in Administration and Supervision from Prairie View

Board Approves 2016-2017 District Calendar

Next year's district calendar was selected at a Special Board Meeting Monday. After considering employee and community feedback, the board selected the "B2" calendar, which has the first semester ending prior to winter break. This calendar To view the "B2" Calendar, click [here](#).

PACE Graduation

A&M University. He also earned his bachelor's degree in Human Performance from Texas Southern University.



Pantherettes Beat Flower Mound; Move Ahead to State Quarterfinals



Kyhia Jackson/Panther Prints

Duncanville ISD's Pace High School graduated seven students last week: Perla Espinoza, Shamichael Harrison, Tamia Jackson, Maria Muñoz, Manuel Nevarez, Martavious Tarver and Willie Waters.

District Art Show Coming Up in April



The Duncanville Pantherettes defeated Flower Mound Friday night, 47-38, and with that victory, the team now moves on to the state quarterfinals.

They ladies will take on Plano, the same team that defeated them last year in the second round of the playoffs. The Pantherettes' 2016 season has been focused on avenging that loss. The team created the slogan "Use It" to channel what Coach Self-Morgan calls the "venom and fire" to win.

The strategy has worked. The Pantherettes enter the state quarterfinals with a perfect 34-0 record.

"We are looking forward to playing Plano," Coach Cathy Self-Morgan said. "And we hope to bring our "A" game and "USE IT" hunger and mentality."

The Pantherettes take on Plano at Colleyville Heritage tonight at 7:00 p.m.

The Pantherettes' undefeated season is drawing attention from the media. Last week, Channel 11 profiled the girls' matchup with Flower Mound. See the story [here](#).

Duncanville ISD will host its 3rd Annual Districtwide Art Show, Thursday, April 21, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The show will feature artwork from students kindergarten through 12th grade. Admission is FREE.

Upcoming Events:

The DHS boys will be in State playoff bidistrict action tonight against Coppell High School at 7:30 p.m., at Arlington High School.



Duncanville ISD PTAs Take Top Awards

Parental involvement is a key component of student success and our Duncanville ISD Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) are the best of the best.

This year, four of our PTAs received special recognition for their diligence and hard work.

These Duncanville ISD PTAs were recognized for maintaining or increasing membership and submitting dues by required dates.

Awards went to Bilhartz Elementary, Hardin Intermediate, Brandenburg Intermediate and Duncanville High School.

See specific awards [here](#).

Free Tax Preparation Informational Meeting

Duncanville High School in the East Seminar Room on February 23 starting at 5:30 p.m. More information [here](#).

Relay for Life of Best Southwest

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