Caughman Road Elementary School Improvement Council Report To Parents School Year 2025-2026

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School Improvement Council Goals

The School Improvement Council's focus for the 2025–2026 school year includes the continued development of fine arts programming and expanded inclusion opportunities for both Special Education and General Education students. While the development of strong skills in reading, writing, and mathematics remains a priority, fostering students' interests and talents in the arts is also essential. The arts provide students with additional pathways for expression, creativity, and engagement. Some students demonstrate exceptional talent in the arts, while others benefit from the opportunity to explore, create, and discover new interests.

To enhance and expand the fine arts program at Caughman Road Elementary School, the School Improvement Council has submitted an application for the Distinguished Arts Program Grant. If awarded, this grant will enable the school to host Artists in Residence who will provide students with enriched and meaningful arts experiences that may not otherwise be available. These experiences may include instruction in areas such as dance, theatre, and creative writing. An additional component of this initiative is professional learning for teachers, focused on arts integration, to support the incorporation of visual and performing arts into daily classroom instruction.

The School Improvement Council is also committed to increasing inclusive opportunities for students with and without disabilities to participate in the wide range of activities and events offered at Caughman Road Elementary School. Our goal is to ensure that all students experience success and feel a sense of belonging within a safe, supportive, and positive school environment. During the current school year, Caughman Road Elementary implemented a Unified Physical Education Program, in which students with special needs participate alongside trained, informed, and supportive peers who serve as partners, leaders, and friends. This program allows students with special needs to engage in activities they may not be able to complete independently while fostering meaningful social connections. At the same time, students without disabilities gain a deeper understanding of diverse needs, develop empathy, and build lasting friendships. As part of this Unified Physical Education Program, Caughman Road Elementary School is proud to send a team to the Special Olympics in Columbia for the first time.