



# FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

August 8, 2025

## Superintendent's Message

### Happy First Week of School!

We had a fantastic **opening of schools**! Thank you to everyone who collaborated to make sure our scholars had a fun, welcoming, and focused first week! Everyone who helped get the schools clean and shiny, the grounds looking beautiful, transported the scholars there and home, planned your lessons, answered questions, helped with registration, welcomed families in the office, kept them safe, fed them nutritious meals, or kept the air cool, and so, so much more... Thank you!

Mr. Mason, Principal of Marina Vista, will be the guest speaker at the **Back to School Service at First Baptist** on Sunday, August 10th, at 10:00AM. I will attend as well. Thank you to First Baptist for the invitations!

We have our First **Board Meeting** of the school year on Wednesday, August 13th.



### Upcoming Dates:

#### **August 13, 2025**

(Regular Board Meeting)  
Closed Session - 5:00PM  
Student Recognition - 6:15PM  
Open Session - 6:30PM

#### **August 27, 2025**

(Regular Board Meeting)  
Closed Session - 5:00PM  
Student Recognition - 6:15PM  
Open Session - 6:30PM

#### **September 10, 2025**

(Regular Board Meeting)  
Closed Session - 5:00PM  
Student Recognition - 6:15PM  
Open Session - 6:30PM

#### **September 13, 2025**

(Board Retreat)  
9:00AM – 3:00PM

#### **September 24, 2025**

(Regular Board Meeting)  
Closed Session - 5:00PM  
Student Recognition - 6:15PM  
Open Session - 6:30PM

# Business Services

## Professional Development



**Child Nutrition's Professional Development Day** started with program updates, reminders and department goals for the 2025-2026 school year. Staff participated in an interactive team building event.



The Transportation department held its pre-service training sessions on Monday the 4th and Tuesday the 5th. At the training, staff attained their required 10 hours of mandatory updates and education as is required by CDE and CHP to maintain the required Class B license with passenger endorsements. The School bus certificate is the highest level of license anyone can get. We also had some fun and built stronger team connections!



# Educational Services

## PUSD Kicks Off the 2025–26 School Year in Style

Pittsburg Unified School District welcomed back its certificated staff in style on Monday, August 4, 2025, with a high-energy gathering at Pittsburg High School to launch the new school year. Staff were greeted by an electrifying performance from the Pride of Pittsburg, our award-winning Pirates Marching Show Band, setting the tone for an inspiring day ahead.

The morning's opening session was emceed by Assistant Superintendent Anthony Molina, who joined on stage by members of the Professional Development Committee and Superintendent. The program focused on our shared commitment to serving all students by honoring their diverse backgrounds and the intersectionality that shapes our community. A highlight for many was hearing from one of our recent alumni, who shared a powerful personal story filled with challenges overcome, achievements earned, and a vision for a bright future.



During the opening session in the Creative Arts Building, the Superintendent laid a strong foundation for the year's work. Following the program, staff engaged in school site-specific breakout sessions to reflect on the morning's messages, make connections to their work, and ask questions. The afternoon was dedicated to addressing each site's unique needs back at their home campuses.

We extend our deepest thanks to everyone who contributed to this inspiring kickoff, especially the Professional Development Committee for designing the day's experience. Committee members included PEA President Celia Medina Owens, TIP Mentor Elaine DiStefano, PHS Teacher Bailey Murillo, Executive Director Dr. J.C. Farr, and Assistant Superintendent Anthony Molina.

Please see the slides from the opening session and the break out session to get an idea of what staff was able to hear and experience.

#### [August 4<sup>th</sup> Break Out Session](#)

#### [PUSD Professional Development Day – August 4, 2025](#)

