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# February 24, 2025

## Community Input Meeting



## Harp Program

**Asked By:** Grace Kang, FISD Student (Speaker 1), Leanna Johnson, Non-FISD Resident (Speaker 2), Emily Levin, Non-FISD Resident (Speaker 3), Laura Branderburg, Non-FISD Resident (Speaker 4), Kela Walton, Non-FISD Resident (Speaker 5), Meredith Rotz, FISD Parent (Speaker 6), Danatra Widjaja, FISD Student (Speaker 7), Emily Pietersz, FISD Alum (Speaker 8), Cindy Lin, FISD Parent (Speaker 9)

**Response Notes:** Thank you for sharing your feedback regarding Frisco ISD's harp program. We deeply value all of our fine arts programs and understand the important role they play in our students' education.

Frisco ISD has passed a deficit budget for three consecutive years. The decision to phase out the harp program is one in a series of decisions being made to close that deficit.

As harp is a highly specialized area, FISD is unable to allocate the necessary resources to sustain the program long term. However, FISD is committed to supporting its current harp students.

Current harp students will not be affected; incoming sixth graders and younger will no longer have harp as an instrument option in orchestra. All students currently enrolled in the program, including this year's 6th graders, will continue to receive harp instruction through their graduation. This ensures that students who have already begun their journey with the harp can complete their studies over the next six years.

We appreciate the support of our community as we make these tough decisions.

# CTSO/DECA Limitations

**Asked By:** Nikhil Sivanthi, FISD Student (Speaker 10), Aneesh Chintala, FISD Student (Speaker 11), Diya Sangal, FISD Student, (Speaker 12), Tad Tolbert, FISD Student (Speaker 13), Siddha Kanthi, FISD Student (Speaker 14), Saisaharsh Devireddy, FISD Student (Speaker 15), Karan Kartik, FISD Student (Speaker 16), Hayden Lee, FISD Student (Speaker 17), Meghama Chodavarapu, FISD Student (Speaker 18), Janani Jayaraj, FISD Student (Speaker 19), Jay Velayutham, FISD Parent (Speaker 20), Rober Fenge, FISD Parent (Speaker 28), Chirag Samantaroy, FISD Student (Speaker 29)

**Response Notes:** We value the vast amount of student opportunities available in Frisco ISD. Our Career & Technical Education Student Organizations (CTSO's) like FFA, BPA, DECA, HOSA, FCCLA, and TAFE are phenomenal instructional tools that are integrated with our CTE classroom experiences. Due to budgetary constraints, in the 25-26 school year the district will limit the amount of students who may participate in CTSO area competitions. This does not place any restrictions on general CTSO membership, but rather treats our CTSO competitions like other competitive organizations in Frisco ISD, such as UIL academic events. Students will still have multiple opportunities during their high school career to participate, earn awards, and scholarships. We will continue to be one of several districts across the state that supports student CTSO competition at the highest levels. Below are links to additional academic program opportunities available to Frisco ISD students:

[ISM](#)

[Incubator](#)

[Advanced Academics Opportunities](#)

[Advanced Placement Courses](#)

[Academic Competitions](#)

# Staley Middle School

**Asked By:** Chuck Smith, FISD Parent (Speaker 21), Jeanette Alexander, FISD Parent (Speaker 22), Jesica Easton, FISD Parent (Speaker 23), Chad Wood, FISD Parent/Employee (Speaker 27), Andrew Earhart, FISD Parent (Speaker 31), Naeem Ahmad, FISD Parent (Speaker 32)

**Response Notes:** With the failure of the 2024 bond referendum, our options for Staley Middle School have changed. It is no longer possible for the district to build a new Staley Middle School building. There are also additional considerations that have come to light in the 3 months since the bond's failure at the ballot box. All these things are coming to bear on the decisions that have to be made for Staley Middle School.

At our March board meeting, staff will present the various options available to our district for the future of Staley Middle School. After that March board meeting, we will also provide a special meeting to listen to input from the Staley community, parents and staff. After that meeting, and after considering all the various options and input, staff will make a recommendation to our board at the regular meeting in April regarding the future of Staley Middle School.

Please also note that regardless of the outcome, Frisco ISD will do everything in its power to ensure the safe and smooth transition to the next phase for Staley

## Coy Miller Elementary School

**Asked By:** Sachith Madanu, FISD Parent (Speaker 24), Janardhan Garlapati, FISD Parent (Speaker 25), Kathiresan Deivasangayam, FISD Parent (Speaker 26)

**Response Notes:** In response to emergency events, Frisco ISD Emergency Management and Security departments and leadership review our response after the action and look for ways to improve our responses to these incidents.

After speaking with the District, here are additional ways FISD may implement for enhanced student safety measures in the future:

Deployable “Cold Weather Go Kits”, delivered from a centralized FISD location, is an option under development. These kits will include both wool blankets and weatherproof mylar blankets for students without coats or jackets.