



SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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TEA COMMISSIONER MORATH VISITS SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

(Del Rio, Texas) Superintendent Rios and members of the SFDR CISD Board of Trustees welcomed Texas Education Agency (TEA) Commissioner Mike Morath and Dr. Casey Callahan, Executive Director of ESC Region 15 to Del Rio Thursday morning in a scheduled visit to the school district.

During the visit, SFDR CISD Superintendent Dr. Carlos Rios guided the Commissioner through a tour of the Gerardo J. Maldonado Career and Technical Education Center where he highlighted some of the CTE programs offered locally within the school district. Commissioner Morath met with welding, aircraft maintenance, automotive and culinary arts students and their instructors and discussed the opportunities the District has offered its students. The CTE Program in San Felipe Del Rio CISD offers 12 of 14 National Career Clusters, 21 Programs of Study, and 34 state approved Industry-Based Certifications. The campus also offers students the opportunity to obtain Level One Certificates in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Automotive Technology, Aviation Technology, Carpentry, Emergency Medical Technician, and Welding.

During the second leg of the visit, Commissioner Morath observed third grade teachers at Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary during their scheduled Planning Protocol. Led by school Principal Cheryl Pond and Assistant Principal Santiago Salas, the Commissioner learned details of how the planning session allows teachers to prepare highly rigorous and relevant lessons of instruction. Superintendent Rios also shared the work the District has done to develop a customized repertoire called the Planning Protocol Dashboard, which houses the curriculum and tools that teachers use district-wide to support student learning. Following this session, DLG Principal Cheryl Pond led Commissioner Morath into several 1st grade classrooms where students were engaged in active learning. Due to the campus' commitment, fidelity and diligence, the school was able to obtain an "A" rating in the state's accountability system this past school year.

"It was an honor to have Commissioner Morath visit our school district and learn about the exciting things that are going on with our students and teachers in terms of instruction, engagement, student achievement and preparing them for their future.", said Dr. Rios.

