

Chicken Soup for *Friendswood ISD*

I was called to serve Friendswood ISD at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. As I reflect on my three years with the district, one word comes to mind: Hope.

What called me and still calls me to FISD is our district call to action, goals, and beliefs. When I read those words, I feel so much hope. Those words align with everything I believe is possible for public schools. Those words give me permission to dream up so many amazing experiences for students that didn't really feel possible before I came here. In Friendswood, I get to be the teacher that I always wanted to be because of those words and the leaders who inspire change and innovation in education.

When I think about our community and our district beliefs, I feel hopeful for all of us. I feel so much hope for the parents of FISD who will get to experience the long-term effects of the work that we do for all children in our schools. I am hopeful for teachers of today and tomorrow who will know what it is like to be a part of a system that gives them permission to dream big for kids. Most importantly, I am so hopeful for all students across our district who get to experience the education they deserve. An educational experience where they feel seen, heard, valued, and loved.

Those words on our walls are forever ingrained in my heart. Thank you FISD for giving me the gift of hope.

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