



# THE DOSS SCHOOL

## CONSOLIDATED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Exciting Playground Improvements Coming to Doss CCSD!

We are excited to share that Doss CCSD is moving forward with a major upgrade to our school playground! At the December 9, 2025 Board meeting, trustees approved plans for a brand-new playground that will enhance student recreation and safety.

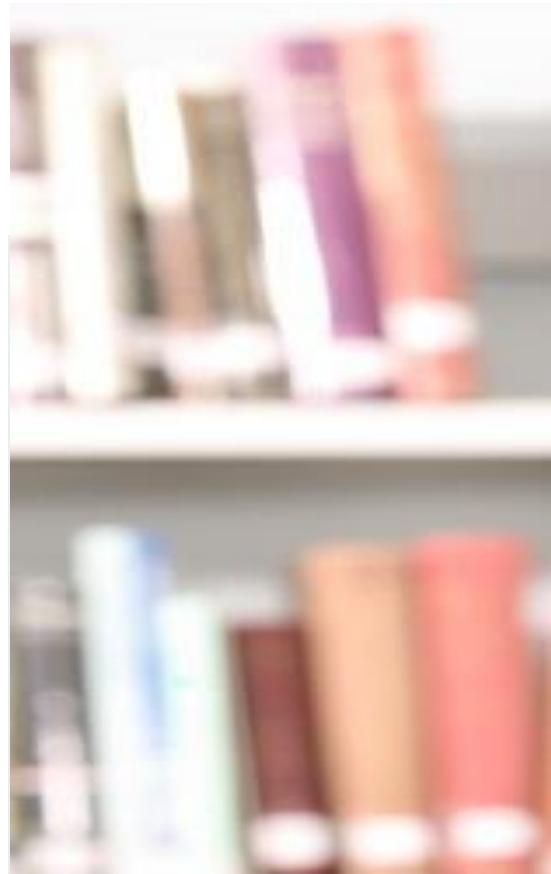
Installation is scheduled to begin in mid-February and is expected to take approximately 10 days to complete. The new playground will feature a modern playscape, updated swings, and a zipline, providing students with even more opportunities for active play and outdoor learning. We are also pleased to share that the original, historic merry-go-round will remain as a special part of our campus.

As part of this project, new playground mulch will replace the existing stone surface, improving safety and accessibility for our students. This project represents a significant facilities improvement and reflects our continued commitment to providing high-quality, safe, and engaging learning environments for our children.

We look forward to seeing our students enjoy this exciting new space very soon!



February 2026



#### FEBRAURY DATES

100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School .....	4th
F.O.D.S. Lunch.....	6th (Chick-fil-A)
Board Meeting.....	10th @ (7:00 p.m.)
Grade Cycle 4 Ends .....	13th
Valentine's Card Exchange.....	13th
Waiver Day/Student Holiday....	16th
Grade Cycle 5 Begins .....	17th
F.O.D.S. Lunch .....	20th @ (Pizza)

#### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Silver Dollar .....	15th
Lily Swanner .....	18th
Joe Geletka.....	19th

#### FEBRUARY COMMUNITY DATES

F.O.D.S. Meeting.....	3rd @ (5:30 p.m.)
Community Club Meeting .....	21st @ (6:00 p.m.)

## Upcoming STAAR Interim Assessments

Doss CCSD students will participate in STAAR Interim assessments on February 4 and 5. These assessments are an important opportunity for students and teachers to prepare for the official STAAR tests in April.

Students are encouraged to treat the interim tests just as they would the real STAAR assessments by getting plenty of rest, arriving on time, and doing their very best. The results provide valuable information that helps our teachers guide instruction, identify areas of strength, and provide additional academic support where needed.

We appreciate your continued support in helping our students approach these assessments with confidence and a positive mindset.

## Learning from the Storm: A Real-World Weather Project

During the recent ice storm, Doss CCSD students turned an unexpected weather event into a meaningful learning experience. While at home, students became “weather scientists” by using thermometers to record temperatures three times a day and by documenting their observations of changing conditions.

Students noted how temperatures rose and fell, how ice formed, and how the storm affected daily life in our community. When they returned to school, they used their data to create charts and graphs, analyze patterns, and connect their findings to classroom lessons in math and science.

This project was a strong example of real-world, project-based learning. By collecting authentic data and applying their skills to real situations, students gained a deeper understanding of weather, problem-solving, and scientific thinking—showing that learning continues beyond the classroom.

### Misson

Doss CCSD will create and sustain an environment to inspire curiosity, respect tradition, and embrace excellence.

## New School Bus Coming Soon

Doss CCSD will soon add a new Type A, 30-passenger school bus to its transportation fleet. Approved by the Board on December 9, the bus meets all current Texas safety and compliance standards.

We are currently waiting on final registration before it begins service. Once complete, the new bus will be on the road, supporting safe and reliable transportation for our students.

## End of Season

As winter settles in, the Doss CCSD winter garden has come to a successful close. Before the recent ice storm arrived, students worked together to harvest all remaining crops, bringing months of hard work to a proud finish.

Throughout the season, students grew a variety of vegetables, including broccoli, collard greens, cabbage, kale, radishes, and more. Along the way, they learned not only how to plant, water, and care for their garden, but also the importance of responsibility, teamwork, and perseverance.

The project continued into the classroom and kitchen, where students participated in cooking activities using their harvest. Favorites included broccoli and cheddar soup, braised collard greens, roasted Brussels sprouts, and pork and cabbage. These hands-on experiences helped students see the full journey from seed to table.

The winter garden project has been a meaningful example of real-world learning at Doss CCSD, connecting science, nutrition, and life skills. As we close this season, we are proud of our students’ dedication and look forward to planting again in the future.

