

Paris Independent Board of Educating Votes to Give All Staff a 1% Pay Raise above the Annual Step Increase Raise: Evaluates Superintendent Exemplary

In two separate June meetings, the Paris Independent Board of Education evaluated Superintendent Ken Bicknell as exemplary in his responsibilities and leadership to the district, and the Board also voted to give all staff a pay increase of 1% above any step increase that employees would receive for the 2017-2018 school year.

Chair Person, Sharon Fields stated, "On behalf of the Board, I want to acknowledge the efforts being made for our students. Everyone in our system, classified and certified, is essential to the wellbeing and continuing education of all Paris students. We appreciate everything that our employees do to make Paris a wonderful place to work and be educated."

"I'm so pleased the Board Members approved the raise. It has been several years since a salary increase has been provided for staff," Bicknell commented. "We are blessed to be a growing district, and we are asking teacher and staff to be on the cutting edge of what is best for our students. At every level and position in our district, we are expecting excellence. Our teachers and staff have earned the salary increase. As we continue to grow, I hope we can do more in the future." Bicknell also had praise for the Board and the community. "This community has been wonderful to our kids. It's like nothing I've ever seen in my twenty-six years as an educator. Great things are ahead for our schools and our community. Our Board and our community are aligned. We all want our district to be the best it can be for kids. It's a great place to be an educator."