

All Education Is Not Equal. Are You Choosing The Best? #ChooseGarlandISD

With school choice a contested issue across the United States, Garland ISD wants to ensure that every family living in the district makes an informed decision. GISD not only offers true choice by allowing families to attend any school in the district—whether it's down the street or across town—but it also boasts 17 selective magnet campuses, access to six different world language options, a free associate degree, over 200 career-training programs, transportation, comprehensive special education services, a 100 percent highly qualified teaching staff, and more.

No other educational entity in the cities of Garland, Rowlett and Sachse can claim this expansive list of options. However, GISD has seen a steady decline in enrollment for the past five years. This comes at a time when the Texas Legislature continues to decrease funding for public schools and competition from popular charter and private schools continues to increase.

Looking ahead to the future, the district knew it must become the area's No. 1 choice, which meant reaching beyond just sharing good news to begin selling the district itself. During the 2017-18 school year, Garland ISD Communications launched its #ChooseGarlandISD campaign with a goal of informing students, staff, parents, businesses and the community about everything the district offers and what sets it apart from other educational options. It utilized many tried and true mediums such as Twitter, websites, billboards and videos but also ventured into first-time territory with print and digital advertising as well.

At the end of the school year, GISD's enrollment numbers were higher than first day, and more than 150 new early childhood students joined the district. Stakeholders also rallied around the hashtag to share why they were proud to live, work and learn in Garland ISD.

Research

The Garland Independent School District exists as a diverse community with a shared vision that serves to provide an exceptional education to all of its students. With a tradition of excellence dating back more than 100 years, GISD spans the cities of Garland, Rowlett and Sachse. It ranks as the second-largest district in Dallas County, fourth-largest in Dallas-Fort Worth and 13th-largest in Texas with more than 56,000 students, 7,500 staff members and 72 campuses. In January 2017, an Interim Superintendent had just taken the reigns of GISD, examining district data, processes and programs. As she worked with the GISD Board of Trustees to chart a path of continued improvement, a demographic study was commissioned to analyze changing populations, economic developments and enrollment numbers. The district's tri-cities all reported, and the information left GISD leadership unsettled.

Data from Census 2010 and Census 2015 showed the number of residents aged 65+ increased 4 percent while all other age ranges decreased 1-2 percent. Enrollment numbers from 2011-16 also revealed a drop of more than 800 students. And, GISD appeared to be one of just two districts in the region with declining enrollment.

The demographic study included projections as well that were based on economic developments. While it appeared that the city of Garland would remain a manufacturing hub without drawing many new young homebuyers, the cities of Rowlett and Sachse promised exciting new growth with lakeside developments and new business opportunities. The enrollment projections included low, mid and high-range scenarios, with both the low and mid ranges continuing GISD's pattern of enrollment decline. The high-range projection, however, included a small but steady growth over the next 10 years.

Armed with these findings, the district began its budget workshops for the 2017-18 school year, which underscored the importance of not only retaining all current GISD students but also attracting young

families to move to the area. The district receives more than \$5,000 in revenue for each student, and budget projections were showing a decrease in state funding of more than \$4 million. Coupled with increased expenditures due to operations and educational innovation, GISD was preparing for a \$14 million shortfall.

Meanwhile, the district continued to receive letters from charter schools with an intent to build within GISD boundaries. On average, one letter was received every month. And, while research showed that most of the plans did not come to fruition, the potential for increased competition made district leadership call for action.

Analysis

The first step was to identify competition already within GISD's tri-cities. This included charter and private schools where district students currently attended or could leave to attend in the future. GISD's Geographic Information Systems Department created a map, which plotted locations not only in Garland, Rowlett and Sachse but also the entire North Texas region. In total, 101 charter schools and 226 private schools were pulling from public school districts' enrollment. Those numbers were five and 12, respectively, within GISD's tri-cities. The district then put names to its competition, such as International Leadership of Texas (ILT), Harmony Science Academy, Harmony School of Innovation, Harmony School of Business, Garland Christian Academy and New World Day School.

The second step was to uncover why families may choose to leave GISD. Implementing an exit survey, the district asked families where they were headed and why. Approximately half of the respondents simply moved out of the area. However, program offerings ranked as a main reason the other half chose to withdraw. Results also showed that the most popular competition schools included ILT and the three Harmony campuses. This meant that GISD needed to understand the draw of charter schools and how the district could combat it.

In April 2017, GISD Communications heard a presentation from BOK Financial Securities during a meeting of the School Public Relations In North Texas group—a regional chapter of the Texas School Public Relations Association. BOK provided an overview of charter school operations in Texas, including how they differ from public schools and a growth plan to reach 1 million students, or approximately 17 percent of Texas' enrollment, by 2025. Upon realizing that GISD's biggest competition came from ILT and Harmony, Communications asked BOK to tailor a presentation specifically for the district's Executive Council. This presentation showed that more than 3,000 students who live within GISD's tri-cities could be attending charter schools, equaling more than \$22 million in lost revenue. It also showed that ILT and Harmony dedicate less resources to providing excellence in education and have higher class sizes in addition to less experienced teachers. BOK then helped break down the charter school's brand, which centers around exclusivity, international curriculum and college readiness. The company also provided tips on how to develop a marketing, branding and student retention/recruitment program.

With the support of GISD leadership, Communications began to plan a campaign like none other. It needed to "sell" the district for the first time in history. While marketing, or sharing information, would be a main component, the overarching goal would be branding. In the words of BOK Financial Securities, "Your brand is the story your stakeholders tell. It needs to match the story you want told."

Communications came up with the campaign #ChooseGarlandISD for three reasons. First, it was intended to capitalize on the school choice movement throughout the U.S. Second, it could signify one of the district's most exclusive attributes, its robust Choice of School program. Lastly, it encouraged conversation through the use of a hashtag.

Campaign strategies included utilizing GISD's in-house graphic designer, videographer and Print Shop to offer a cost-effective, comprehensive campaign. Tapping into the district's social media channels, website and existing digital billboard contract, as well as creating videos and content for pre-scheduled printed

and email newsletters, would provide no-cost options. The GISD Print Shop could then offer unbeatable prices for all other collateral, including the installation of bus ads. But, since having to "sell" the district was uncharted territory, Communications knew it had to utilize new approaches including print and digital advertising. An advertising budget of \$50,000 was set for the first year, with an intent to potentially expand efforts in subsequent years. All other printing costs would be absorbed into yearly operations.

Preparing to launch in July 2017, Communications created an 8.5" by 11" English/Spanish postcard that would be mailed to every home within GISD's tri-cities—approximately 109,000. The opening statement, "All education is NOT equal. Are you choosing the BEST?" became the campaign's long-term slogan. It then listed a sampling of what sets the district apart from its competition, including certified teachers and registered nurses at every school, arts and extracurriculars at every grade level, special education services, transportation and more. Because the mailer included a URL for readers to learn more, Communications also created www.garlandisd.net/choosegarlandisd, which used the same verbiage and provided more in-depth information, as well as hyperlinks to accompanying pages on the district website. To help kick-start awareness, Communications created a bumper sticker/window decal for Principals, Assistant Principals and the GISD Council PTA as well. It featured a graphic representation of the hashtag, which became the campaign's logo.

Communication

After the postcard was sent out, the district's Board of Trustees President talked about it during a board meeting. He commented that GISD had thrown down the gauntlet against charter and private schools and that this was just the beginning. His statement proved entirely true.

Communications began implementing its plan with a tweet that included the postcard and slogan. A video was also created featuring five GISD parents, two of whom were district principals and one who was the Mayor of Garland. This video wove together their testimonials to create a powerful branding piece. "Choice of School is an amazing benefit this district offers that you can't find anywhere else. For our kids to be able to pick and choose which programs brought out their unique strengths and talents, that's a step for life. [My daughter's] education from GISD has her working with seven different languages [in college]," said one of the parents.

Additional videos included a man-on-the-street style piece asking district students and staff why they #ChooseGarlandISD, as well as the nation's first school district music video. Partnering with Flocabulary to produce "Garland ISD Proud," the district harnessed the power of hip hop to share its many opportunities and accomplishments. Flocabulary is a resource traditionally used in the classroom to help students learn by pairing information with song. The rap featured in the video was created and performed by Ike Ramos, a Texas educator turned musician who has appeared with Lil Wayne, Ne-Yo, Method Man and Rakim. The chorus was sung by the North Garland High School Express choir and the footage was shot by GISD's GRS-TV. All three videos can viewed at www.youtube.com/garlandisdnews. Together, they have amassed more than 10,000 views.

Following its initial tweet, Communications continued to use the #ChooseGarlandISD hashtag regularly to share brag-worthy news and information via district accounts at www.twitter.com/gisdnews and www.twitter.com/gisdnews and www.twitter.com/gisdnews and www.twitter.com/gisdnews and www.twitter.com/gisdnews and <a href="www.twitter.com/gisdn

Communication's plan also included strategically utilizing different features of the district's printed newsletter, ConnectEd, which is mailed quarterly to all 109,000 households within GISD's tri-cities. This visually rich, magazine-style publication features a main story, photo collage and community poll in addition to top 10 briefs. During 2017-18, every edition spotlighted the #ChooseGarlandISD campaign in a different way. The main story in February 2018 interviewed the family of a high school basketball

standout who was ranked among the top state and national recruits. When asked why they chose to stay in Garland ISD, the family said, "It feels good to know you're surrounded by people who really care. The district offers skills that open the door to unlimited career opportunities. Overall, GISD provides a platform for success!"

The district's e-newsletter offered another avenue to share brag-worthy news and information linking back to the GISD website. It is sent at the beginning of every month to all email addresses within the district's student information management system, as well as to local media contacts. Media coverage throughout 2017-18 resulted in more than 1,000 pieces, including several with links to the #ChooseGarlandISD hashtag.

Tapping into the district's existing digital billboard contract, more than 10 advertisements have run since August 2017. They not only featured the hashtag or URL but also targeted campaign messages referencing college and career readiness, international curriculum, exclusive offerings and more. Each ad ran between two-four weeks along an interstate and state highway, totaling approximately 1-2 million impressions.

This past summer, three bus ads were launched as well. Designed, printed and installed in-house, each one featured an English and Spanish side with the same target messaging. Ten routes were chosen throughout Garland, Rowlett and Sachse to maximize coverage.

Trying out an all-new tactic, Communications created an identity packet. This multifaceted piece was created to make it as easy as possible for realtors to sell houses within the district. GISD's identity packet puts all of the information they may need into one place. A brochure gives a general overview of the district, while four flyers provide in-depth details about GISD's unique Choice of School program, selective magnet campuses, state-of-the-art Career and Technical Center, and more. A fifth flyer contains numerous bragging-type facts, and a sixth flyer introduces district leadership. Because a second purpose of the packet was to inform the community and prospective families about all of the great things happening in GISD, the pocket folder featured a design reminiscent of a yearbook. The intent was to use nostalgia to entice people to pick up the folder in doctor's offices, etc. The district has received several compliments from its target audiences regarding design and usefulness. The packet has also now been translated into Spanish and Vietnamese.

Print and digital advertising provided an additional new tactic. During the campaign's first year, advertisements mirroring the initial postcard were placed in two special sections of *The Dallas Morning News*, "Guide to Charter Schools" and "Guide to Private Schools." The same ads were also placed in two editions of *Dallas Child*, a free monthly parenting magazine available in high-trafficked areas across Dallas County, as well as *The Garland Guide* and *Livability Rowlett*, two magazines targeting businesses and homeowners. From March-September 2018, a 45-second movie theater commercial was shown at three theaters as well, totaling more than 500,000 impressions. And, in August 2018, a one-month geofencing program was launched in partnership with CBS 11. It included an email blast, website banners and sponsored social media posts.

To round out its marketing and branding efforts, Communications created separate pieces during GISD's Choice of School selection periods, which included English and Spanish flyers, billboards and bus ads. The Department also helped host the district's inaugural #ChooseGarlandISD Day April 7, 2018. The purpose of this one-day event was to attract more early childhood students before the end of the current school year. Not only would this reduce the amount of students missing instructional time on the first day of school due to last-minute enrollments, but it would also start families in the district at a young age so that they would hopefully finish their entire prekindergarten-12th grade education with GISD. Promotion included a flyer, yard sign, billboard and bus ad produced in both English and Spanish. During the event, staff also sported #ChooseGarlandISD T-shirts and took pictures of all new enrollees as well. More than 150 families signed in to the event to enroll and visit information stations that day.

Evaluation

Looking back over the district's #ChooseGarlandISD campaign, success can be evidenced in several ways. First and foremost, enrollment figures showed an increase from the first to last days of class in 2017-18. Starting the school year with 54,875 students, end of year numbers grew by nearly 1,500 to 56,210. The number of students who filled out exit surveys saying that they were leaving for a charter school also decreased slightly from the 2016-17 school year.

Staff surveys provide another positive indicator. Polling district employees periodically, one survey question asked respondents whether they were proud to work for GISD. Serving as baseline data before the #ChooseGarlandISD campaign, 2015 responses displayed an 87 percent agreement with that statement. After the #ChooseGarlandISD campaign launch in 2017, 92 percent of district employees said they were proud to work for GISD—an increase of 5 percent.

Perhaps the biggest sign of success, however, is the hashtag itself. #ChooseGarlandISD was truly embraced by the district and its tri-cities. Tracking from November 2018-March 2019 produced approximately 1,000 tweets. While hashtag analytics were not tracked from the beginning of the campaign, the average of 200 uses per month could potentially mean a total of 4,000 tweets. This shows that GISD students, staff, parents and community members want to spotlight the district's exceptional education and have become brand ambassadors.

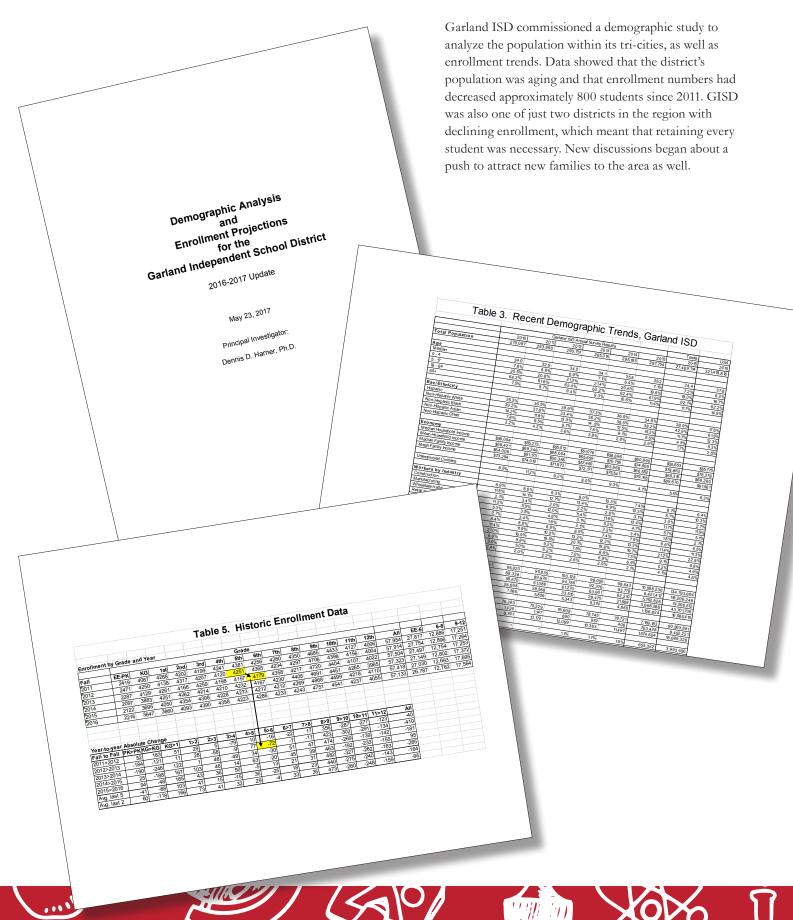
Additional indicators include website and digital advertising analytics. Because www.garlandisd.net/choosegarlandisd was included in advertisements, print and digital collateral, etc., whenever possible, the URL garnered more than 7,500 page views during the first year of the campaign. CBS 11's sponsored social media posts and website banners also delivered nearly 130,000 impressions while its email blast delivered more than 150,000 impressions.

And, #ChooseGarlandISD-specific media coverage spanned the district's tri-cities. The local *Rowlett Lakeshore Times* newspaper published a story featuring the district's partnership with Flocabulary to create the first-ever school district music video. GISD's Superintendent was also interviewed on a local radio station by a Sachse City Councilman. And, the Garland Chamber of Commerce ran a full spread of district information in its 2018 *Garland Guide* publication, which is distributed to approximately 9,000 businesses and homes throughout the city.

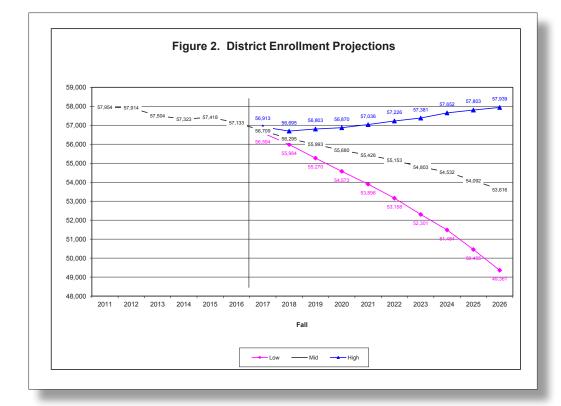
While GISD counts its campaign a success, the district's efforts are far from over. Data from the beginning of 2018-19 shows additional students transferred to competing schools, and projections continue to show a trend of enrollment decline.

The #ChooseGarlandISD brand is just getting started, though, and will continue to grow. Communications has launched a new yearlong movie theater commercial and has added *Suburban Parent* magazine to its list of print advertisements. Because a brand is built by the interactions that stakeholders have with an organization, Communications is also hosting community groups such as Leadership Garland, Rowlett and Sachse in order to give them insight into the innovation occurring across GISD, as well as positive stories to share with family, coworkers and friends. But, as efforts increase, so do budget costs. For this reason, Communications has not renewed its advertisements with *The Dallas Morning News* and *Dallas Child* in 2018-19.

DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY



ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS



Along with the demographic and enrollment study, Garland ISD received projections for the future. Two out of three scenarios continued the declining enrollment trend. But, since new developments were scheduled in two of the district's three cities, one scenario reversed that trend. GISD was committed to doing everything possible to try and meet the high-range projections.

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BUDGET PROJECTIONS

2017-18 Proposed General Fund Budget

Estimated Total Revenue	\$ 448,133,283
Estimated Payroll	\$ 384,819,624
Estimated Non-payroll	\$ 77,991,183
Estimated Total Expenses	\$ 462,810,807

 Change in Fund Balance
 \$ (14,677,524)

 End of Year Transfer Out
 \$ (10,250,000)

 Change in Fund Balance After
 \$ (24,927,524)

End of Year Transfer Out

Estimated Payroll expenses decreased by (\$39,000) as a result of a rof two bus drivers.

Estimated non-payroll expenses were adjusted (increased) to captur million for roof replacements

The decrease to fund balance shown above is <u>before</u> any pay rai consideration.

EXPENDITURES - INCREASE

Salary Increase	\$7,600,000
• FTE's (New Positions) Added	\$4,531,062
Balanced Literacy	\$3,485,011
Department and Campus Requests	\$4,981,307
One Time Requests (for 17–18 only)	\$833,325
Roof Replacements	\$3,200,000
Budget Reductions – Strategic Abandonment	(\$1,374,850)
• Increase in TRS- Care Contribution (.55% to .75%)	\$370,000
• TRS- On Behalf (offset by revenues)	\$600,000
 Contingency (CCC, Unpaid Meals, Legal, Facilities) 	<u>\$1,289,000</u>
TOTAL INCREASE TO BUDGET	\$25.514.855

COMPARISON TO PRIOR YEAR REVENUE

	2016-17	<u>2017–18</u>	<u>Change</u>	% Change
Local	\$162,030,206	\$176,744,264	\$14,714,058	
State	\$299,575,893	\$295,221,323	(\$4,354,570)	
Federal	\$800,000	\$1,700,000	\$900,000	
Total Revenue	\$462,406,099	\$473,665,587	\$11,259,488	

COMPARISON TO PRIOR YEAR EXPENDITURES

	<u>2016–17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>Change</u>	% Change
Payroll	\$400,918,562	\$414,695,487	\$13,776,925	3.4%
Contracted Services	\$35,190,006	\$42,296,186	\$7,106,180	20.2%
Supplies & Materials	\$22,806,609	\$27,079,392	\$4,272,783	18.7%
Other Operating	\$7,471,434	\$7,785,141	\$313,707	4.2%
Capital Outlay	\$109,341	\$154,601	\$45,260	41.4%
Total Expenditures	\$466,495,952	\$492,010,807	\$25,514,855	5.5%

While demographic and enrollment studies were ongoing, Garland ISD began its budget workshops for 2017-18. These painted a dire picture of what could become the new reality if the district continued to lose students. A projected shortfall of more than \$14.5 million would mean dipping into GISD's Fund Balance. This shortfall was caused by less money from the state and ADA, as well as increased costs of operations and educational innovation. The projection also did not include a raise for staff, which had been possible for several years prior.

POTENTIAL COMPETITION



March 21, 2016

Dear Superintendent and/or Board President:

This is to inform you that our charter school infends to submit an expension amendment request for consideration by the commissioner of education to add a new compute:

> A.W. Brown Londorphip Academies 057-016 5701 Red Bird Center Drive, Dallas, TX 75237

As part of the amendment process, charter schools are required in notify any school districts that are tikely to be affected by the new compasuse see the enclosed Statement of Impact form regerding the proposed new campus.

The enclosed form may be completed by any district that may be offseted, signed by the district's superintendent or board of trustion's based president, and Charter Schools

Sincerely,

George Collina **Board President**



INVESTMENTAL LEADINGS IN TAXAS

Tuesday, homory 31, 2017

Delivered: by CERTIFIED MAIL

Superintendets/ Charland (S12

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Dear Superingendest and President of the District's Governing Body:

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This is to inform you that our cluster school intends to submit an expansion annualment request for consideration by the commissioner of education to add a new campus:

Golden Rule Chaner School Onesty District # 637835 1809 Chayenne Rd Dallas, TX 75217

As part of the amendment process, charter achools are required to soully any achool districts that are likely to be afficiated by the new orimpus. Please see the enclosed Statement of Impact form regarding the proposed new compus.

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Every time a charter school is thinking about opening a location within Garland ISD's boundaries, the district's Superintendent receives a letter of intent. While many do not come to fruition, the letters average about one a month. This prevalence of possible competition, coupled with a dire need to retain and attract students, led GISD to develop its #ChooseGarlandISD campaign.

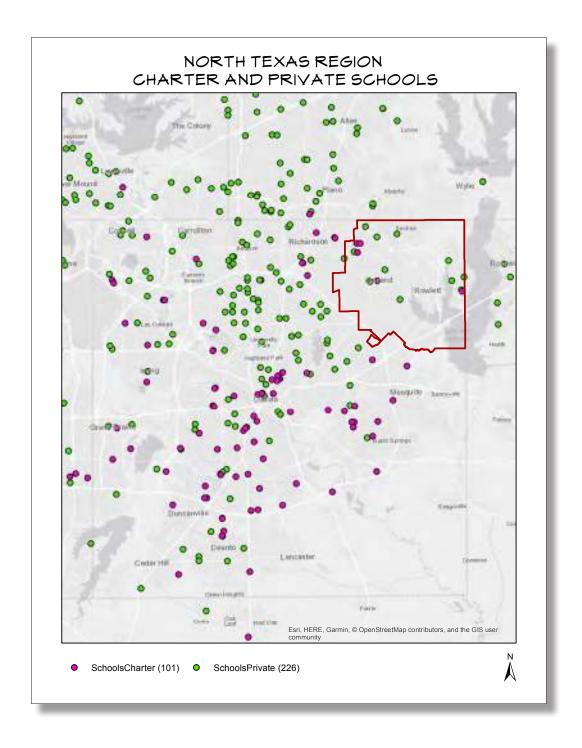








ASSESSING THE COMPETITION



Garland ISD's Geographic Information Systems Department created a map of charter and private schools in the area, allowing the district to see its competition. While the map showed approximately 17 campuses within district boundaries, four of them seemed to be the most popular: International Leadership of Texas, Harmony Science Academy, Harmony School of Innovation and Harmony School of Business. GISD staff then visited a few of these campuses to see what they had to offer. One staff member reported that pizza was ordered for students' lunch and at least one class consisted of students straightening each other's hair in the library.

EXIT SURVEY

#ChooseGarlandISD Exit Survey Q2 Which Garland ISD campus did they last attend? RESPONSES DATE Herfurth Elementary 10/28/2018 6:28 PM 9/4/2018 11:17 AM Abbett 9/3/2018 9:58 PM Rowlett high school 9/1/2018 8:13 PM Abbett elementary 8/30/2018 1:23 PM Club Hill 8/28/2018 10:01 AM attends DISD- Dealey Montessori and International Academy 8/28/2018 5:45 AM North Garland HS Ethridge Elementary 8/27/2018 6:56 PM Rowlett high schoo 8/27/2018 6:51 PM SOUTHGATE ELEMENTARY 8/27/2018 3:57 PM Covle Middle School 8/27/2018 10:35 AM Shugart Elementary 8/27/2018 10:34 AM Shugart Elementary Rowlett High School 8/27/2018 10:32 AM 8/27/2018 Naaman Forest High School 8/26/2018 None 8/25/2018 8/25/2018 Armstrong 22 Bussey MiddleSChool 8/24/201 23 South Garland HS 8/24/2018 CR Lyles middle School 8/24/2018 25 Seller's Magnet Middle School 8/24/2018 Jackson Middle school 8/24/2018 Dorsey Elementary 8/24/2018 Garland Classi BULLOCK ELEMENTARY 8/24/201 Rowlett HS 8/24/2018 Florece Parsons Pre K 8/24/2018 33 lakeview centennial 8/24/2018 4 / 15

Garland ISD wanted to fully understand why its families may choose to leave district schools, so an exit survey was created. Questions asked which GISD school students currently attended and where they were now headed, as well as why they were choosing to leave. Approximately half of the respondents moved out of the area. However, program offerings was a main reason the other half chose to withdraw. This meant the district needed to spread the word that it had the same and even more programs to offer than competing private and charter schools.

RESPONSES

#ChooseGarlandISD Exit Survey Q1 Student's First and Last name

DATE 10/28/2018 6:28 PM

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1	Austin philip	9/1/2018 8:13 PM
	Diana Díaz Ortiz	8/30/2018 1:23 PM
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	Taylor Johnson	8/28/2018 5:45 AM
	Denise Gonzalez Santiago	8/27/2018 7:34 PM
	Vy Dang	8/27/2018 6:56 PM
	Emily Esparza	8/27/2018 6:51 PM
	MICHAEL BROWN	8/27/2018 3:57 PM
	Sara Ramirez	8/27/2018 10:35 AM
	Ava Torres	8/27/2018 10:34 AM
	Adela Torres	8/27/2018 10:33 AM
	Anica Murillo	8/27/2018 10:32 AM
	Alexander Rivera	8/27/2018 6:26 AM
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	Nicholas McIntire	8/24/2018 4:27 PM
	Christian VanZandt	8/24/2018 4:12 PM
	Ethan Nguyen	8/24/2018 2:46 PM
	Bernie Rayo Ortiz	8/24/2018 2:20 PM

#ChooseGarlandISD Exit Survey

Q6 Which of these reasons best fit why you chose to change school districts?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Program offerings	30.61%	15
Location	6.12%	3
School size	8.16%	4
Other (please specify)	55.10%	27
TOTAL		49

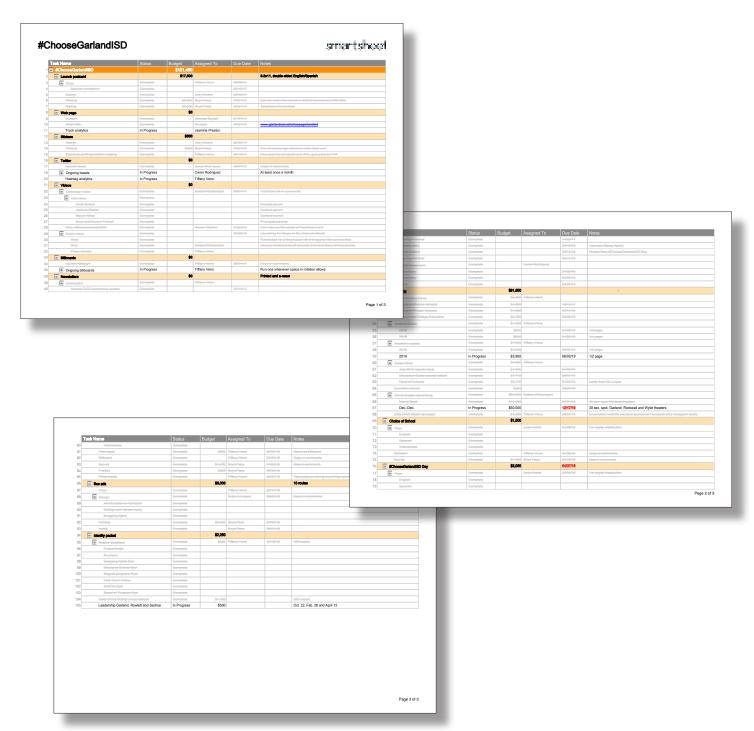
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	James' brother Paul was not accepted into the Montessori program, and their grandmother teaches music at Preston Hollow, so they're both attending there now.	10/28/2018 6:30 PM
2	None di dnt move	9/1/2018 8:13 PM
3	Student was a foster child. Student moved from my home and returned to relatives.	8/28/2018 10:02 AM
4	Student moved back with her parents. No longer her legal guardian.	8/27/2018 7:35 PM
5	WOULD LIKE TO TRY OUT THE ACADEMY	8/24/2018 10:11 AM
6	Didn't change districs, he is out currently with Ringworm. I have notified the school so i'm not sure why he was disenrolled.	8/24/2018 9:53 AM
7	Decidimos cambiarla a ILT	8/24/2018 9:40 AM
8	i did'nt	8/24/2018 9:35 AM
9	Other	8/24/2018 9:10 AM
10	Moved back with mother	8/24/2018 5:47 AM
11	Catholic education	8/23/2018 9:08 PM

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EXPERT ADVICE



PROJECT AND BUDGET PLANNING



With an in-house graphic designer, videographer and Print Shop, Garland ISD knew it had several resources to launch a comprehensive campaign. Planning began with the most cost-effective strategies. Tapping into the district's social media channels, website and existing digital billboard contract, as well as creating videos and content for pre-scheduled printed and email newsletters, would provide no-cost options. The GISD Print Shop could then offer unbeatable prices for all other collateral, including the installation of bus ads. But, since having to "sell" the district was uncharted territory, GISD knew it had to utilize new approaches including print and digital advertising. An advertising budget of \$50,000 was set for the first year, with an intent to potentially expand efforts in subsequent years. All other printing costs would be absorbed into yearly operations.

PREPARING TO LAUNCH

#CHOOSEGARLANDISD





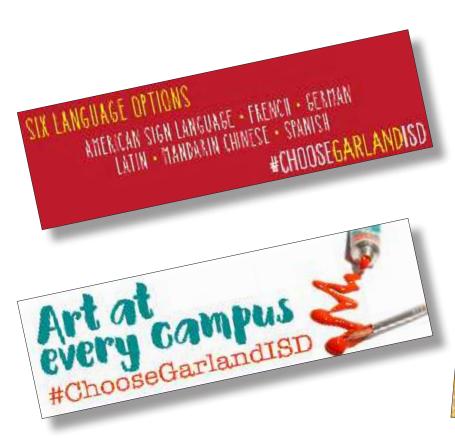


Preparing to kick off its #ChooseGarlandISD campaign, the district created an 8.5" by 11" postcard to be mailed to every home within GISD boundaries--approximately 109,000. The mailer singled out several things that set the district apart from other educational options in the area and also included a web address to learn more. The #ChooseGarlandISD web page deliberately features the same verbiage used in the mailer and provides more in-depth information, as well as hyperlinks to accompanying district website pages. As the first #ChooseGarlandISD promotional item, a sticker/window decal was handed out to Principals, Assistant Principals and the district's Council PTA. Due to its success, GISD has purchased additional promotional items, including umbrellas and pocket notebooks.

MARKETING AND BRANDING



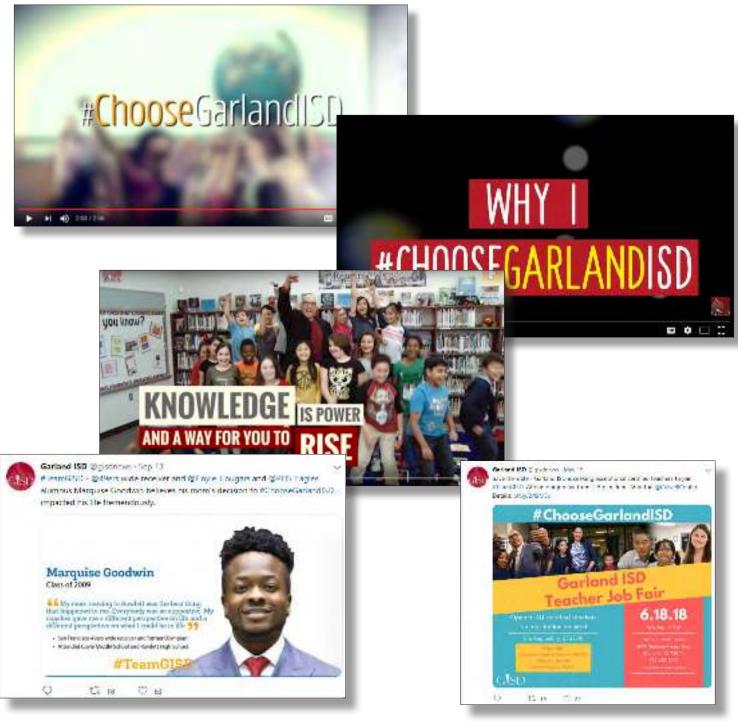






Garland ISD regularly uses several communication channels to share important information, upcoming events and more. For its #ChooseGarlandISD campaign, the district strategically harnessed each one. Different features of the ConnectEd printed newsletter were utilized in each of the quarterly editions, including a feature story, photo gallery, Top 10 brief and community poll. Three bus ads in both English and Spanish were also targeted to 10 routes throughout GISD's tri-cities. And, more than 10 digital billboard ads were worked into the district's rotation, totaling approximately 1-2 million impressions along an interstate and state highway.

MARKETING AND BRANDING CONTINUED



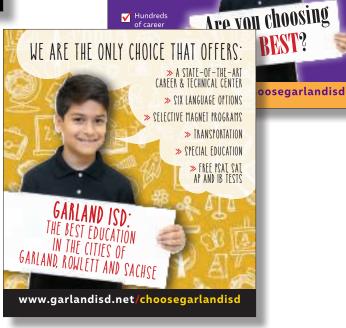
Garland ISD has produced three main videos for its #ChooseGarlandISD campaign. The launch video features testimonials from five district parents who represent the district's tri-cities. A second man-on-the-street style piece asks students and staff why they #ChooseGarlandISD. In a partnership with Flocabulary, the third video uses hip hop to share the district's many opportunities and accomplishments. Together, they have amassed more than 10,000 views. All three pieces can be viewed at www.youtube.com/garlandisdnews. The district's @gisdnews and @gisdnoticias Twitter accounts also regularly share brag-worthy news using the hashtag. Nearly 50 tweets have been posted throughout the campaign.

ADVERTISING









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Arts & extracurriculars PreK-12

✓ Selective magnets
✓ Free PSAT, SAT
& AP tests





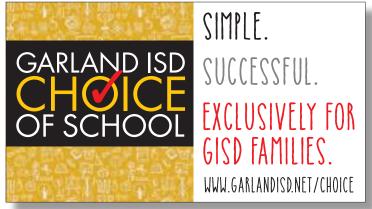
All education is

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With a goal of marketing and branding the district to attract and retain students, the #ChooseGarlandISD campaign included several digital and print advertising efforts. All were new ventures for GISD. A six-month movie theater commercial was shown at three theaters, totaling more than 500,000 impressions. A second commercial is now in an expanded yearlong run. A partnership with CBS 11 also produced an email blast, sponsored social media posts and website banners that targeted internet users' activity. Print ads were run in the largest daily newspaper serving the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, as well as a free monthly parenting magazine in high-trafficked areas across Dallas County and two magazines targeting businesses and homeowners in the district's tri-cities.

CHOICE OF SCHOOL MARKETING











Garland ISD believes its true school choice is what makes the district the best educational option in Garland, Rowlett and Sachse. Flyers were produced in English and Spanish to ensure families understood their unique opportunity and didn't miss the windows to select preferred campuses. A bus ad and digital billboard were also created to help sell the exclusivity of GISD's Choice of School program. The billboard ran for one month along a state highway and interstate. The bus ad ran for three months throughout the district's tri-cities and was printed and installed in-house.

#CHOOSEGARLANDISD DAY









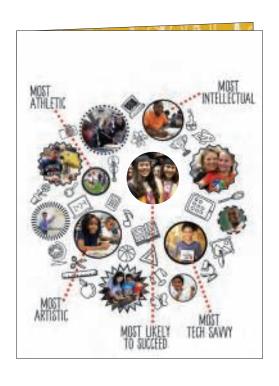


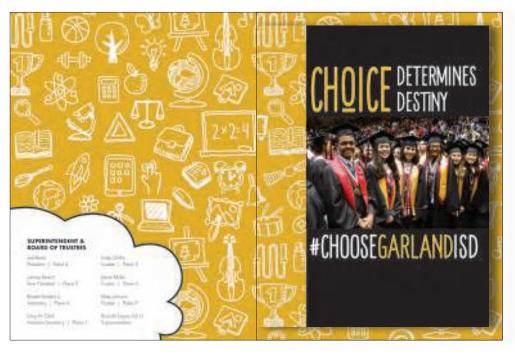


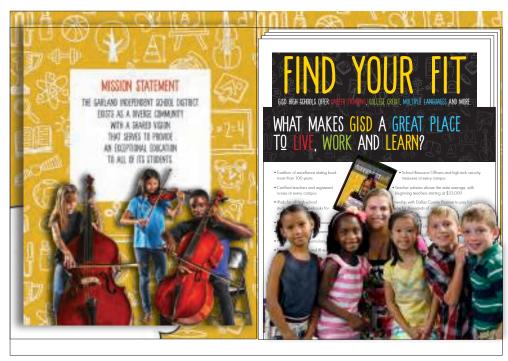
ChooseGarland BD

Garland ISD held its inaugural #ChooseGarlandISD Day April 7, 2018, to attract more early childhood students. To market the event, a flyer was distributed to district families, local washaterias, grocery stores and other popular sites across GISD's tri-cities. Yard signs were also placed at all prekindergarten and elementary campuses--49 in total. Because the district wanted to make sure that families who may not be thinking about school yet received information about #ChooseGarlandISD Day, bus ads and digital billboards were utilized as well. The district created all promotional items in English and Spanish. During the event, staff sported #ChooseGarlandISD T-shirts and took pictures of all new enrollees.

IDENTITY PACKET



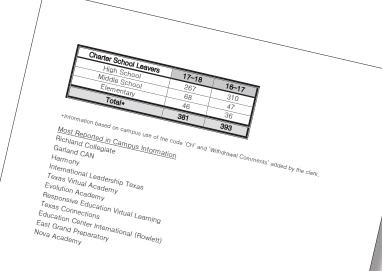


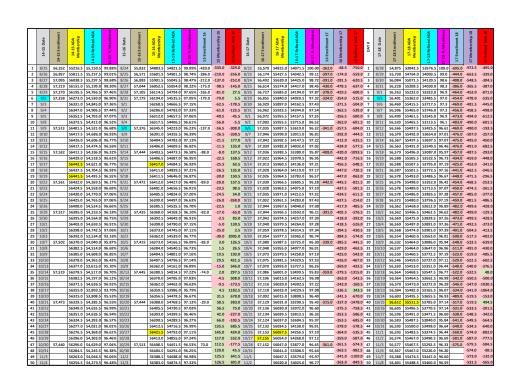


Garland ISD's identity packet puts all of the information that realtors, prospective families and more may need into one place. A brochure gives a general overview of the district, while four flyers provide in-depth details about GISD's unique Choice of School program, selective magnet campuses, opportunity-packed high schools and state-of-the-art Career and Technical Center. A fifth flyer contains numerous bragging-type facts, and a sixth flyer introduces district leadership. The pocket folder features a design reminiscent of a yearbook in order to use nostalgia to entice people to pick up the folder in doctor's offices, etc. The packet has also now been translated into Spanish and Vietnamese.

ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

Garland ISD started the 2017-18 school year with 54,875 students. After launching the #ChooseGarlandISD campaign, the district's end of year enrollment numbers grew by nearly 1,500 to 56,210. The number of students who filled out exit surveys saying that they were leaving for a charter school also decreased from the 2016-17 school year.





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Garland ISD periodically surveys its staff regarding job satisfaction. A 2015 survey provided baseline data before the #ChooseGarlandISD campaign. At that time, 87 percent of district employees said they were proud to work for GISD. After the #ChooseGarlandISD campaign launch in 2017, 92 percent of district employees said they were proud to work for GISD--an increase of 5 percent.

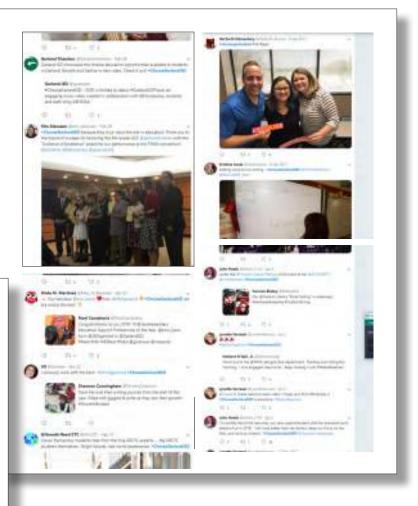
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HASHTAG ANALYTICS AND FEEDBACK

#ChooseGarlandISD was truly embraced by the district and its tri-cities. While hashtag analytics were not tracked from the beginning of the campaign, tracking from November 2018-March 2019 produced approximately 1,000 tweets. On average, the hashtag is used more than 200 times a month to showcase the students, staff, programs, etc., that make Garland ISD great.



Garland ISD received postive feedback from several realtors regarding its identity packet. Many said they wished all school districts offered a similar resource. The City of Garland even created a packet of its own after seeing GISD's. Other positive feeback was received as well regarding the district's movie theater commercial and tours for community groups such as Leadership Garland, Rowlett and Sachse.





WEBSITE AND DIGITAL ADVERTISING ANALYTICS



GISD

cooking image

youtube

RETARGETING RESULTS:

633 Clicks

0.42% CTR

151,408 Impressions

CBSDFW

Garland ISD's first-ever digital advertising campaign, in partnership with CBS 11, ran for one month and exceeded all of the set expectations. Sponsored social media posts and website banners delivered nearly 130,000 impressions while an email blast delivered more than 150,000 impressions.

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IN THE NEWS







The district's #ChooseGarlandISD campaign garnered media coverage across GISD's tri-cities. The local "Rowlett Lakeshore Times" newspaper published a story featuring the district's partnership with Flocabulary to create the first-ever school district music video. GISD's superintendent was also interviewed on a local radio station by a Sachse City Councilman. And, the Garland Chamber of Commerce ran a full spread of district information in its 2018 "Garland Guide" publication, which is distributed to approximately 9,000 businesses and homes throughout the city.