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**Frisco Chamber of Commerce New Teacher Welcome**

The Frisco Chamber of Commerce will welcome approximately 700 new Frisco Independent School District teachers and staff at the New Teacher Welcome on Monday, August 1, 2016. The New Teacher Welcome, sponsored by CoServ, will be held at Reedy High School, 3003 Stonebrook Parkway in Frisco, Texas.

“CoServ is privileged to honor those who will make a difference in our community – teachers who will touch the lives of students and families every day this year. Welcoming these bright new faces is exciting and gives us all encouragement about the future of our city and the surrounding areas! We are excited to partner with Frisco ISD once again for the 2016-17 school year!” said Vicki Sargent, CoServ’s Director of Community Relations.

The theme of this year’s New Teacher Welcome is “Teachers Are Our Superheroes!” New teachers and staff will have the opportunity to visit over 30 vendor tables and receive door prizes and gift bag items donated by local businesses. In addition, the new teachers and staff will get to enjoy a short presentation which will include speakers Tony Felker, President/CEO of the Frisco Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Jeremy Lyon, Superintendent, Frisco ISD; Vicki Sargent, CoServ; Allison Miller, Frisco Education Foundation; and Mayor Maher Maso.

“Our growth has always been a source of pride for me because it speaks volumes to the wonderful jobs being done throughout Frisco ISD” said Dr. Jeremy Lyon, FISD superintendent. “We are opening a high school, middle school and two elementary schools this year, pushing us to 68 campuses. We added 3,600 students last school year and project 3,600 more this year. Our 57,000-student enrollment has doubled since 2008 and increased almost 10-fold since 2000. The new FISD teachers we welcome at this event will experience first-hand the partnerships between our Frisco-area organizations that have led to this growth.”

The Frisco Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have had an overwhelming response from area businesses, filling all of the vendor table sponsorships before the posted deadline.

“For over twenty years now, the growing Frisco business community has stepped up to welcome our new teaching professionals. Businesses recognize the value that the Frisco ISD and a quality educational system bring to Frisco, thereby attracting employees and companies to the area, and strengthening the connections and partnerships already in place,” said Tony Felker, President/CEO of Frisco Chamber of Commerce.

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**About the Frisco Chamber of Commerce**

The Frisco Chamber of Commerce is a 4-Star Accredited Chamber of Commerce that consists of more than 1,300 member businesses who provide good and services to the growing, bustling economy in Frisco and the surrounding area. The mission of the Frisco Chamber of Commerce is to protect and promote commerce, thru advocacy, resources, and connections. For more information, visit [www.friscochamber.com](http://www.friscochamber.com).

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