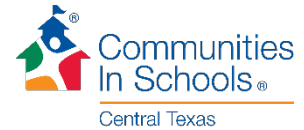


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## **Communities In Schools of Central Texas Welcomes New Members to Board of Directors**

**(Austin, TX)** On September 1, Communities In Schools of Central Texas (CISCT) welcomed eight new members to its Board of Directors, bringing the total number of members to twenty-three. The new members of the Board of Directors will contribute their experience in academics and higher education, finance, mental health, and real estate to bolster the organization's strategic plan.

The recently elected Board members are community member Laura Bennett, Gabriella Briceño from Ramirez & Company, Inc., Chris Cervini, Ed.D. from the Austin Community College District, Melissa Chavez, Ph.D., and Karl Spencer, both from the University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Creslond Fannin from the Austin Independent School District, Chronika Winn from the University of Texas at San Antonio and CIS Alumna, and Harry Zimmerman from the Circuit of the Americas, LLC.

"I am so excited to work with this outstanding organization," said Dr. Chris Cervini, Vice Chancellor for Community and Public Affairs at Austin Community College District. "Communities in Schools is the gold standard for how we can wrap our schools in community supports— providing critical and timely services that help our students achieve their potential."

The change in leadership also saw Tal Tversky of Apple, Inc. shift into the role of Board Chair, a role previously held by Troy Madres of Morgan Stanley. Tversky and Madres will continue to play pivotal roles on CISCT's Board of Directors, guiding it on its path to achieving the six goals in the organization's [five-year Strategic Plan](#).

### **About Communities In Schools®**

Communities In Schools of Central Texas believes every student, regardless of race, zip code, or socioeconomic background, has what they need to realize their potential in school and beyond. Working directly inside 100 Central Texas public schools in Austin, Elgin, Hays, Lockhart, Manor, and San Marcos school districts, we connect students to caring adults and community resources that help them see, confront, and overcome the barriers that stand between them and a brighter future. Together, we build a powerful change movement committed to building an equitable path to education for future generations. Learn more at [ciscentraltexas.org](http://ciscentraltexas.org).