



Volume 1
July 2025

Introducing **CBAT**

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS
ACTION TEAM**

*“Where Communities
& Businesses
Grow Together”*

**WHO WE ARE
WHY WE EXIST
WHAT’S AHEAD**

*Join the
Movement!*

Mrs. Quinnie Nichols

FOUNDER & CEO



Visionary Leader and Founder of CBAT

Community Business Action Team | “Ringing the Bell of Community”

Quinnie Nichols is a respected public servant, community strategist, and champion of equitable growth, with over 28 years of active leadership in the City of Lancaster. She currently serves as a Trustee for Lancaster ISD, while also presiding over two influential organizations: Creative Outreach Solutions and the Queenish Professional Women’s Club.

Guided by a passion for educational equity, economic empowerment, and civic engagement, Ms. Nichols has dedicated her career to bridging the gap between opportunity and access. Her work reflects a deep commitment to uplifting families, supporting small businesses, and strengthening the community’s collective voice.

As the founder of CBAT – the Community Business Action Team, she has established a movement designed to connect schools, local enterprises, and residents around a shared mission: “Ringing the Bell of Community.” CBAT serves as a unifying platform for advocacy, entrepreneurship, and partnership-building that delivers measurable impact.

Ms. Nichols’ vision is rooted in action. She believes real change happens when communities are informed, inspired, and empowered to lead. Through CBAT, she continues to build a legacy of leadership that transforms neighborhoods, elevates voices, and advances the greater good.



***Where
Communities
and Businesses
Grow Together***

CBAT’s Core Framework:

- **Connect & Collaborate** – Fostering unity and alignment among stakeholders.
- **Empowerment & Education** – Delivering tools and knowledge to inspire progress.
- **Community Engagement** – Creating space for dialogue, visibility, and belonging.
- **Business Growth & Support** – Strengthening local economies through mentorship and promotion.
- **Action & Accountability** – Driving transparent, mission-aligned progress with lasting results.

CONNECT WITH US

Stay in the loop and be part of the movement! Follow CBAT – Community Business Action Team on social media, join our mailing list, and attend upcoming events to stay informed and engaged. Whether you’re a resident, business owner, or community advocate, we want to hear from you. ***Let’s grow together—because stronger communities start with stronger connections!***

Achievements

In each newsletter, the CBAT Business Spotlight will shine a light on local businesses making a difference in our community. From longtime staples to rising entrepreneurs, we'll celebrate the innovation, service, and dedication that fuel Lancaster's economic growth. Know a business that deserves the spotlight? Nominate them for a future feature and let's uplift those helping our community thrive!

Who We Are

The Community Business Action Team (CBAT) is a grassroots initiative committed to empowering communities through business engagement, advocacy, and action. Founded with the belief that thriving neighborhoods begin with informed and involved citizens, CBAT serves as a bridge between families, local businesses, and schools—working together to create lasting impact in Lancaster ISD School Board District 2 and throughout Lancaster, Texas. We are where communities and businesses grow together.

Why We Exist

The Community Business Action Team (CBAT) was created to strengthen the connection between communities, schools, and businesses in Lancaster, TX. We exist to empower voices, promote economic opportunity, and support informed advocacy that drives real change. By building partnerships and amplifying community pride, CBAT is a catalyst for progress—ensuring that every family and business in Lancaster ISD District 2 has a seat at the table.

- **Uniting Action with Purpose** - Connect & Collaborate Network
- **Community Engagement** - Community Builders & Action Trailblazers
- **Empowerment & Education** - "Our Children. Our Commitment. Our Community."
- **Connecting People. Building Futures.**
- **Action & Accountability** - Advocacy

Join the Movement Today!



Mr. & Mrs. Roosevelt Nichols

What's Ahead

CBAT Areas of Focus



CBAT Connect: Community Conversations

We're creating space for real connection, collaboration, and community growth!

◆ **Coffee & Tea with CBAT – In-Person Meetups**

- Join us once a month at a local Starbucks for casual conversations and idea sharing. It's a chance to meet face-to-face, network, and discuss what matters most in our community and business spaces.

📍 **Location: Local Starbucks** - (TBD each month)



Monthly - Dates Announced in Newsletter & Social Media

◆ **CBAT Zoom Check-Ins – Virtual Conversations**

Can't make it in person? No worries! Every other month, we'll host a CBAT Zoom Call where members can connect, share resources, and hear updates from our team.

💻 **Bi-Monthly Zoom Calls** - Links will be sent via newsletter & posted on our platforms

LANCASTER ISD NEWS



School Board Dates

LANCASTER ISD
BOARD MEETING DATES

August 28, 2025 7:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting

Back to School Information Hub

Wednesday
August 13, 2025

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for more information.

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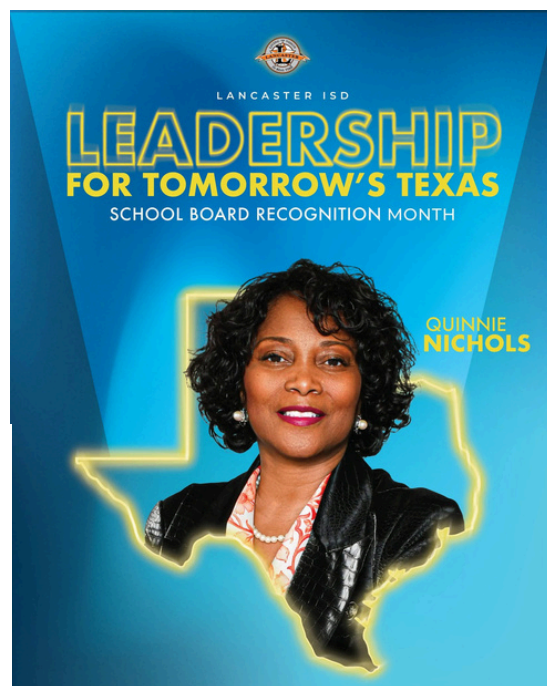
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Let's Talk!

Have questions, concerns, suggestions
or compliments for LISD? Feel free to
CONNECT WITH US through the
online customer service portal.

Scan QR code to get started.

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LEGISLATION
UPDATES

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Stay Informed: Texas Legislative Updates Coming to CBAT Newsletter

As part of our mission to keep our community informed and empowered, the Community Business Action Team (CBAT) will begin sharing regular updates on Texas legislation that impacts our schools, neighborhoods, and local businesses.

From education policies to economic development bills, we'll break down key issues and decisions being made in Austin that affect Lancaster School Board District 2 and beyond. These updates will help you stay connected, raise your voice, and advocate for the changes that matter most to our community.

Look for this new section in each edition of the CBAT newsletter when updates arise! We're committed to transparency, awareness, and action—and legislative knowledge is power.

LEADERSHIP



TASB's annual Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) is our flagship training conference designed to offer new and experienced school trustees a place to create their own learning journey. Each year at SLI, we:

- Share key information with new board members
- Offer practical tips for newly elected board officers
- Provide experienced trustees with innovative practices and emerging trends
- Give board members the opportunity to earn continuing education credits

Our members have a choice to attend the SLI event that best fits their schedule and location preference – in San Antonio or Fort Worth. The two events are nearly identical in schedule, session offerings, and general session speakers.



Over the weekend, I had the privilege of attending the TASB Summer Leadership Institute in San Antonio. This experience expanded my knowledge as a school board trustee and deepened my commitment to student-centered leadership.

The sessions challenged me to think more critically about governance, student outcomes, and community engagement. I'm returning to Lancaster ISD with a renewed vision and a toolkit of strategies to better support our students, staff, and families.

Leadership in education is ever-evolving—and I'm honored to grow in this role.

#LeadershipDevelopment #SchoolBoardTrustee #TASB #SLI2025 #EducationLeadership #EquityInEducation #LancasterISD



Connect with CBAT News

Your Trusted Source for Lancaster ISD District 2 & Community Updates

Stay engaged with the latest school board news, community events, and action alerts from the Community Business Action Team (CBAT). Together, we grow stronger!

Business Spotlight



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thanks
for your
support



Visit Our Summer Kidpreneur Wilborn's Lemonade Stand!

Support youth entrepreneurship by stopping by Wilborn's Lemonade Stand this summer! Come grab a refreshing cup of lemonade and meet our inspiring young business owner. Every sip makes a difference—donate today and invest in our future leaders!

CONGRATS!

< Quinnie Nichols
Jun 18 • 🌐

Alpha Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated · [Follow](#)
Jun 13 • 🌐

💖💚🏆 Congratulations to Quinnie Nichols, 2nd Place Winner of the Chelle Luper Wilson Merit and Culture Award. Alpha Xi Omega is so proud!

#aka1908 #SoaringWithAKA
#wearesouthcentral #alphaxiomega
#AXOSCRC2025 #92ndSCRC



Connect with CBAT News



Celebrating Juneteenth Freedom Day & Culture with Quinnie Nichols!

From Opal Lee's Freedom Walk in Dallas to a beautiful Black Doll Showcase with Queenish for World Doll Day—CBAT proudly highlights community, culture, and celebration!

World Doll Day



WATCH VIDEO



Happy Upcoming World Doll Day! ♥

Every year on the second Saturday in June, World Doll Day celebrates the idea of a doll delivering a universal message of love and happiness.

This Saturday, **Queenish Professional Women's Club** members are encouraged to:

- ✓ Find a child in need or without a doll and gift them one
- ✓ Take a photo with the child as you give the doll
- ✓ Post your photo:
 - In our Photo Circle: <https://join.photocircleapp.com/28X47G1YHYM>
 - On the Queenish Professional Women's Club Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/199w6rq7cb/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Let's spread smiles, kindness, and sisterly love across our communities! ♥



#WorldDollDay
#QueenishCares



CBAT Upcoming Events

- **Community Tea Time**
 - Saturday, August 2, 2025
10:30am
at Starbucks in Lancaster, TX
 - Saturday, Sept. 12, 2025
10:30am
- **Seat at the Table**
to discuss LISD Budget Information
 - Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Time: 7:00 pm
Lancaster Library

"Dolls that look like her. Power she'll never forget."
Tamiko Moore – QPWC Member





"Give a doll, gift a smile."
Quinnie Nichols, Founder
OPWC

"She holds the doll and sees her worth."
Constance Barron-Wilson



"A doll is more
than fabric—it's
soul stitched in
beauty." — Yvonne
Hall OPWC
Member

Psalms 23
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall
not want.
He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures: he leadeth me
beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I
will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff
they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before
me in the presence of mine
enemies: thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth
over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever.



World Doll Day Was a Powerful Celebration in Dallas County!
In June 2025, Queenish Professional Women's Club and Creative
Outreach Solution celebrated International Doll Month during the
month of June by gifting over 150 dolls to young girls across
Lancaster, DeSoto, and Dallas Texas.
These weren't ordinary dolls each one honored African-American
excellence, legacy, and possibility.

✈️ Bessie Coleman Barbie – Inspiring Women Series: Honoring the
first Black and Native American woman pilot and the first Black
person to earn an international pilot's license.

🌟 Madame C.J. Walker Dolls

🎓 HBCU Legacy Dolls

👑 Bessie Coleman Dolls and more!

The joy in these girls' eyes reminded us that representation truly
matters. Through these powerful dolls, we shared history, courage,
and hope giving our girls tangible reminders that they, too, can soar.
See the celebration photos here:

Quinnie Nichols, Founder



reative Outreach Solutions



QUEENISH
PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

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"A donated doll becomes a doorway to storytelling, self-love, and strength."
Quinnie Nichols & Valencia Daniels

AVA WINCHESTER QPWC MEMBER



"Giving a doll is giving a friend, a role model, and a vision of what's possible."



Just Keep Moving Forward



Chemeka Bristol QPWC - Member

"Each doll placed in a child's arms plants a seed of identity, pride, and endless possibility."



Hugs - Joy - Smiles



JUNE 2025

DOLL GIVING

"A doll is more than a toy it's a companion, a teacher, and a spark of imagination."
Quinnie Nichols, Founder QPWC



JuneTeenth!

Opal Lee Walk



Opal Lee's Annual Juneteenth Walk 2025 — Fort Worth, TX

On Thursday, June 19, 2025, Quinnie and hundreds of residents of Fort Worth's Cultural District—families, local leaders, and community members—gathered at Farrington Field to participate in Opal Lee's Annual Walk for Freedom. The 2½-mile march honors the symbolic delay between the Emancipation Proclamation and the moment enslaved Texans finally heard the news of their freedom.

Though the 98-year-old Opal Lee, the “Grandmother of Juneteenth,” was unable to lead this year due to a recent hospitalization, her granddaughter Dione Sims stepped in to guide the walk. The event drew roughly 2,000 participants, holding signs and balloons, walking in unity to carry on Lee's mission for freedom and remembrance.

Why It Matters

- Educational journey: The 2½-mile trek represents the two-and-a-half-year delay before emancipation reached Texas.
- Community solidarity: Families, elders, and youth walked side by side, affirming shared values of justice and reflection.
- Leadership legacy: Even absent, Lee's spirit and vision galvanized the crowd to walk in her stead.



FREEDOM DAY



4th of
July



WATCH NOW

Lancaster - July 4th Celebration



Quinnie enjoying the 4th of July
at the community park.



Connect with CBAT News

Community Coffee Time: Let's Talk Lancaster!

Date: Saturday, August 2, 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Starbucks – 1360 W Belt Line Rd, Lancaster, TX 75146



Grab your favorite cup of coffee and join us for a conversation that matters!

The Community Business Action Team (CBAT) invites you to Community Coffee Time with Trustee Quinnie Nichols on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at the Starbucks on W. Belt Line Road in Lancaster. This casual meet-up is an opportunity for residents, parents, business owners, and community members to come together to discuss the issues that impact our neighborhoods and schools.

Why attend?

- Share your thoughts on improving our community and schools.
- Learn about current initiatives and upcoming plans for Lancaster ISD.
- Build stronger connections with your neighbors and local leadership.

Your voice matters. Whether you're a parent with a student in the district, a business owner invested in Lancaster's growth, or a resident who wants to see positive change, this conversation is for you. Trustee Nichols is eager to hear your ideas, answer questions, and work collaboratively toward a stronger Lancaster.

Let's come together to sip, share, and strategize for a brighter future.

Ring the Bell for Community



At CBAT, *Ring the Bell* symbolizes a call to action, unity, and celebration of progress in ****Lancaster ISD District 2**** and beyond. Whether we're highlighting student achievements, championing local businesses, or standing up for equity in education, we ring the bell to uplift voices and build stronger connections.

Each ring echoes our mission:

*****Where Communities and Businesses Grow Together.*****



Stay Informed. Stay Connected.



Like and subscribe to the CBAT Connection Newsletter for the latest updates on Lancaster ISD District 2, community news, school board advocacy, and more!

Don't miss a beat—join the movement today!

We Want to Hear from You! Take the CBAT Community Survey Today!



Help Trustee Quinnie Nichols and the Community Business Action Team (CBAT) better serve Lancaster ISD District 2 by sharing your voice. Your feedback will shape future school initiatives, community priorities, and outreach efforts. It only takes a few minutes—***make your voice count!***

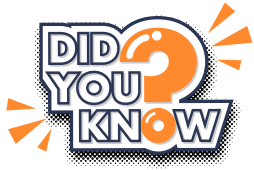
[Click Here to Take the Survey.](#)

LANCASTER COMMUNITY NEWS

The CBAT Newsletter is proud to feature: Lancaster Community News Updates. This section will spotlight important local happenings, city initiatives, school district highlights, and events that impact our families and businesses. From neighborhood improvements to community celebrations, we're committed to keeping you informed and connected to what's happening right here in Lancaster, TX. Stay tuned for stories that matter to District 2 and beyond!



Lancaster ISD Trustee Quinnie Nichols joined local families at the Annual Lancaster Easter Egg Hunt, bringing smiles, school spirit, and community pride. While enjoying the festivities, she took time to meet families, snap photos with students, and share Lancaster ISD's "Points of Pride" brochures—highlighting the district's achievements and commitment to excellence. Her presence underscored the importance of staying connected and celebrating community together.



Tom McKnight rode Steel Dust in the famous 1855 race where he won against local favorite Monmouth in McKinney, Texas. McKnight's descendants still ranch on a 300 acre ranch in Lancaster, TX.



Trustee Nichols at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Lancaster



Join the Movement!

Quinnie Nichols has **Boots on the Ground** for Education, Community and Culture.

KEY LINKS

- [City of Lancaster](#)
- [Lancaster ISD](#)
- [Texas Education Agency \(TEA\)](#)
- [Texas Workforce Commission](#)
- [Dallas College - Cedar Valley Campus](#)
- [Lancaster ISD WEBO Market](#)