Old School
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Old School: *Anything that is from an earlier era and looked upon with high regard or respect. Can be used to refer to music, clothing, language, or anything really.*

As I sit down to write this short column, I'm listening to Bob Seger and loving this warm weather. Over the course of my career I've had several students referred to me as "Old School". I think it must have something to do with the music I listen to.

I looked "old school" up in the Urban Dictionary; I liked what I found! *Anything from an earlier era and looked upon with high regard or respect.* Being "old school" can be an excellent thing. If you're "old school" you're someone who pays tribute to the past.

I'm listening to Bob Seger because I felt like I needed to access my roots a bit. I was born and raised in the Detroit area and Bob Seger is from Detroit. My parents grew up in Detroit and I still have dozens of cousins, aunts, uncles, and even a brother and sister in that area. My first 38 years were spent in Detroit. I take the "old school" label from my students as a compliment.

Showing up to work every day, working hard, and taking care of family is the old school way I learned from my parents. Treating others with respect and decency is old school behavior that I see a lot of in Terry. During our home volleyball and junior high basketball games, I loved watching all the folks from Terry…from multiple generations…enjoy the opportunity to support the kids and fellowship with one another.

Terry School District has a proud tradition of honoring the past. I think it's important that we tap into that tradition as we plan for the future. Our school board and staff are always trying to provide the best education possible for our students. It's my hope that Terry Schools can be an "old school" district in the *best* sense. As the administrator, I welcome your opinions and advice about how to provide what's best for Terry's students. Feel free to stop by or give me a call.