Dear HISD supporter,

As you may know, HISD is subject to Recapture and must send local property tax dollars to the state of Texas. On May 6, voters will be asked **HOW the district should pay its Recapture obligation.** Recapture is one of the most important issues facing HISD, and the results of this upcoming ballot measure will affect our schools financially for years to come.

Here’s the language that will appear on the ballot May 6, as required by the state:

*Authorizing the board of trustees of Houston Independent School District to purchase attendance credits from the state with local tax revenues.*

You might be asking yourself, “Didn’t we already vote on this?” The answer is yes, but since that vote in November, significant progress has been made. **Action by the Texas Education Agency reduced HISD’s Recapture obligation from about $162 million to about $77.5 million.** Future payments have been reduced, as well. *This helps HISD.* The previous vote also started a conversation among legislators in Austin about improving the state’s school finance system. However, no additional funding has been approved. In response, HISD’s Board of Education called a new election on May 6, giving voters another opportunity to decide how HISD will pay its Recapture obligation now that the payments have been reduced.

**A vote FOR purchasing attendance credits means HISD will pay its Recapture obligation by writing a check to the state comprised of local property taxes.** It also means the district will continue to make annual recapture payments for the foreseeable future, but if our total tax collections continue to grow, then increased tax collections will help offset these payments. Taxes could increase under this scenario, as well. If tax collections cease to grow, the offset will be less.

**A vote AGAINST purchasing attendance credits will result in detachment of the most valuable non-residential, commercial properties from the district’s tax roll.** The properties will be reassigned to other school districts for taxing purposes. Under current law, these properties will be permanently detached, and the district will permanently lose those tax collections for daily operations and schools. Importantly, the district will also lose debt service tax collections used to pay back bonds, which is debt used to build schools, most likely requiring a tax increase on residents and remaining businesses to pay the debt obligation. **If detachment of property occurs, the district will have less capacity to fund schools.**

Neither option is ideal for our school district. Ultimately, the Texas Legislature needs to reform school finance. However, we hope you educate yourself on the option you think is best for your household and your community. You can visit HoustonISD.org/Recapture to find more information about this issue, including an informational video. Please share this information with your community, and **please vote on May 6. Early voting is April 24-May 2.**

Thank you for your continued support of the students of HISD.
Wear your poker face and bring your good luck charm, it’s time to roll the dice at an evening of fun and games.

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- $250 for half table sponsorship (includes 1 event ticket)
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Parker Elementary School is participating in Walk to School Day on Friday, April 21, 2017

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking and bicycling.

About our event:

Join us to walk or bike to school. If biking, don’t forget your helmet!

Parents, we are asking you to walk/bike with your child(ren), stopping by the main entrance to sign the participation log.

Children who walk/bike to school with parent will get a certificate for participating.

If you live far, plan to park near the school but far enough that you may enjoy the walk.

Classes will start at the usual time, 7:45am, so plan accordingly.

Learn more at walkbiketoschool.org

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by the National Center for Safe Routes to School.
Summer Reading Skills Programs

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Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners
In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and will be excited about books and reading.

Program for Entering 1st Graders
In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words, build fluency and comprehension, and develop a love of books and reading. Your child will be excited about reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

Program for Entering 2nd Graders
In this fun summer program, your child will become a fluent, confident reader. Children build solid phonics and word-attack skills and develop reading fluency and strong comprehension. Your child will be excited about books and reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

Program for Entering 3rd Graders
In this fun summer program, your child will become a fluent, confident reader. Children develop long-word decoding skills, reading fluency, and excellent comprehension. Your child will develop a lifelong love of books and reading and get off to a great start in third grade.

Program for Entering 4th Graders
Program for Entering 5th Graders
In these fun and effective summer programs, your child will become a skilled, enthusiastic reader. Students develop strong comprehension skills in both fiction and non-fiction and learn how to read and study textbooks. Your child will gain confidence and develop a lifelong love of books and reading.

Program for Entering 6th-8th Graders
Program for Entering 9th-11th Graders
In these effective and enjoyable summer programs, your child will improve comprehension in both fiction and non-fiction and learn to read twice as fast. Students learn the best way to read and study textbooks and take notes. Your student will complete homework more quickly and easily and enjoy reading more.

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MON-FRI 7AM-9PM | SAT 7AM-6PM | SUN 9AM-5PM
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“I would like to thank you for such a positive outcome with my son James. He learned skills that have translated into wonderful grades, and more importantly, have given him more confidence in his reading abilities. He has actually asked to go to the library to pick out a book!”

– Parent of 4th grader

CLASS SCHEDULE
All programs meet once each week. Tuition varies by program grade. Please ask about our family discount.

Choose the grade your child will enter in Fall 2017.

ON CAMPUS: Houston Baptist University.
4-year-old & K: Sat., June 17-July 15, 8:30am-9:45am
1st Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 10:15am-12:15pm
2nd Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 10:15am-12:15pm
3rd Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 3:45pm-5:45pm
4th Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 1pm-3:15pm
5th Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 1pm-3:15pm
6th-8th Grades: Mon., June 12-July 10, 12pm-2:30pm
9th-11th Grades: Mon., June 12-July 10, 3pm-5:30pm

HOUSTON (MEMORIAL AREA): First Methodist
Houston - Westchase, 10570 Westpark Drive,
4-year-old & K: Sat., June 17-July 15, 8:30am-9:45am
1st Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 10:15am-12:15pm
2nd Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 1pm-3pm
3rd Grade: Fri., June 16-July 14, 9am-11am
4th Grade: Fri., June 16-July 14, 11:30am-1:45pm
5th Grade: Fri., June 16-July 14, 2:15pm-4:30pm
6th-8th Grades: Thu., June 15-July 13, 12:30pm-3pm
9th-11th Grades: Thu., June 15-July 13, 3:30pm-6pm
12th Grade & Adults: Thu., June 15-July 13, 6:30pm-9pm

HOUSTON: On campus at the University of St. Thomas.
4-year-old & K: Sat., June 17-July 15, 8:30am-9:45am
4-year-old & K: Sun., June 18-July 16, 10am-11:15am
1st Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 10:15am-12:15pm
1st Grade: Sun., June 18-July 16, 11:45am-1:45pm
2nd Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 1pm-3pm
3rd Grade: Sun., June 18-July 16, 2:15pm-4:15pm
4th Grade: Wed., June 14-July 12, 2:45pm-5pm
5th Grade: Wed., June 14-July 12, 12pm-2:15pm
6th-8th Grades: Wed., June 14-July 12, 9am-11:30am
9th-11th Grades: Mon., June 12-July 10, 3:30pm-6pm
12th Grade & Adults: Mon., June 12-July 10, 6:30pm-9pm

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- Age groups: 3-5 & 6-11
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FROM PTO  ✔ Door decorations revealed & Coffee Bar with Grab-n-Go Breakfast
FROM STUDENT  □ Secret Service Random Acts of Kindness cards due (see 2nd flyer)

TUESDAY* 25th:
FROM PTO  ✔ Sweets Bar
FROM STUDENT  □ Wear spy gear (hats & sunglasses allowed at the start of the day)

WEDNESDAY 26th:
FROM PTO  ✔ Snack Cart with Top Secret cards delivered

THURSDAY* 27th:
FROM PTO  ✔ Evidence that Parker Teachers help students succeed
FROM STUDENT  □ Gear Up for Next Year (students bring teacher/class supplies)

FRIDAY 28th:
FROM PTO  ✔ Special Agent Luncheon
FROM STUDENT  ✔ Secret Service Random Acts of Kindness cards delivered

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