

# REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board of Education Meeting of June 14, 2012

**SUBJECT: BOARD MONITORING SYSTEM–GOAL 1, SECTION E: INCREASE THE PERCENT OF TAKS COMMENDED STUDENTS**

At the February 11, 2010 meeting, the Board of Education implemented a revised Board Monitoring System in order to efficiently maintain and measure achievement of Houston Independent School District (HISD) goals and adherence to its core values. The monitoring system was designed to give district administrators clear direction on how to meet the board's expectations in these crucial areas.

Board Policy AE(LOCAL) states “[T]he administration shall report to the Board on each goal and core value using the specific method and timing set out below, . . .”

In reference to the district's **Goal 1: Increase Student Achievement**, the attached report provides information regarding **Section E: Increase the Percent of TAKS Commended Students**. The policy states that, “[i]n 2003, the administration reported to the Board of Education the percent of students achieving commended status on the TAKS to create a benchmark. In subsequent years, the administration will report the percentage of students reaching that status and percentage increases/decreases in commended students by school, and for the District. . . .”  
“This report shall be presented to the Board each year at the June Board meeting.”  
Effective March 2010, the Board of Education made two additions to this item. The new policy states that in addition, “[a] commended cohort tracking report will be produced and provided to the Board that follows students who have scored at the commended level over time” and “[t]he District will show an annual increase at all campuses with an increased percentage of students reaching the commended level on TAKS by subject.”

The attachment provides information regarding the requested report for the 2011–2012 school year.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

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SUBJECT: **BOARD MONITORING ITEMS AFFECTED BY STAAR PROGRAM**

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As you are aware, the TAKS tests have been replaced by the STAAR tests beginning with this year's spring administration. For grades 3–8, the state will only be providing raw scores this spring, and will be using the data to set the actual passing standards to be released in November (anticipated). Consequently, the Board Monitoring System (BMS) items that use TAKS data will not be available.

For June 2012, the BMS Goal 1, Section E: Increase the Percent of TAKS Commended Students will no longer be available. Also for June, the BMS Goal 1, Section J: Performance of HISD Students will Exceed National Averages will be delayed until the July board meeting due to the later testing window for Stanford-10 and Aprenda-3 for the 2011–2012 school year.

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cc: Superintendent's Direct Reports