

# REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board of Education Meeting of September 13, 2012

SUBJECT: **BOARD MONITORING SYSTEM–GOAL 1, SECTION A: ELIMINATE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP BETWEEN STUDENT GROUPS**

At the February 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 A: Eliminate the Achievement Gap Between Student Groups**. This policy states that “[t]he administration shall provide the Board of Education with a report reflecting any gap in TAKS passing rates between white, African-American, Hispanic, and economically disadvantaged students, and by gender, in each tested topic. The report shall provide cumulative, Districtwide scores, combining all grade levels into one chart.”

The attached document addresses the information requested for the 2011–2012 school year.

**MEMORANDUM**

August 28, 2012

TO: Board Members

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Superintendent of Schools

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As you are aware, the TAKS tests have been replaced by the STAAR tests beginning with this year's spring administration.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 September, the BMS Goal 1, Section A: Eliminate the Achievement Gap will no longer be available.

  
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cc: Superintendent's Direct Reports