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Dear Parents:

The district would like to make your family aware of an important change coming to Barbara Jordan High School for Careers. Starting in the 2015-2016 school year, the school will begin transitioning into a regional career and technical education center.

Current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors at Barbara Jordan will remain at the school through graduation. However, the campus will not accept any additional students into its comprehensive four-year high school program at this time, as that program will be replaced by the Barbara Jordan career center. This transition into a career center is made possible by the voter-approved plan to rebuild Barbara Jordan into a modern career and technical education facility. At the same time, HISD is rebuilding neighborhood high schools across the district.

The Barbara Jordan career center will work in harmony with a student's home school, giving priority admissions to students zoned to surrounding schools (Davis, Furr, Kashmere, North Forest, Reagan, Sam Houston, Washington, and Wheatley). The career center will offer half-day programming focused on two industry pathways: Industrial/Commercial Construction and Health.

Students accepted into the career center will receive free transportation from their home campus and will graduate with a diploma from their home campus with additional distinctions such as industry certifications and college credits earned at the Barbara Jordan career center.

Students interested in attending Barbara Jordan career center will attend their home campus for their freshman year (2015-16) before beginning coursework at the career center during their sophomore year (2016-17). Below is an overview of how the Barbara Jordan career center will work in conjunction with a student's home campus:

- **Freshman year:** All classes and career exploratory coursework on home campus
- **Sophomore year:** Core classes at home campus, specialized coursework at Barbara Jordan career center
- **Junior year:** Core classes at home campus, specialized coursework and college dual-credit courses at Barbara Jordan career center
- **Senior year:** Core classes at home campus, specialized coursework, college dual-credit courses, and internship at Barbara Jordan career center

Parents can learn more about academic programming options at surrounding schools and the Barbara Jordan career center at HISD's School Choice Open House on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Northwest Mall (9500 Hempstead Hwy., 77092). Representatives from many of the district's campuses will be on hand to answer questions and offer information about their programs.

Sincerely,

Ross McAlpine, Principal
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