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HISD Board of Education rejects proposed budget for 2019-2020 school year

June 18, 2019 – The Houston Independent School District Board of Education on Tuesday voted 6-3 against the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

On June 27, trustees will again consider adoption of the proposed budget, which will include a recommended compensation package for all HISD employees and other HB 3-related items. State law requires the budget to be approved by June 30.

Increases in spending in the proposed budget include an additional \$6 million for wraparound services, which address mental and physical needs students may have – such as food insecurity, housing, and parent incarceration – that may adversely affect college and career readiness.

The recommended budget also includes an additional \$4 million for Achieve 180, a research-based action plan to support, strengthen and empower underserved and underperforming campuses.

The proposed budget also calls for the district to increase its contribution to health insurance by \$7.5 million, helping to keep the increase in employee premiums to only five percent.

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