**HISD Board of Education to swear in two new trustees before Thursday meeting**

*Board also will elect new officers at monthly board meeting*

*Jan. 11, 2017* — The Houston Independent School District Board of Education will welcome its two newest members on Thursday, swearing in newly appointed District VI Trustee Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca (Ocampo) and newly elected District VII Trustee Anne Sung.

Both are filling unexpired trustee terms that run through the end of 2017 and will be formally sworn in prior to the first meeting of the year during a special ceremony.

Sung was elected to the board in December while Flynn Vilaseca was unanimously appointed by the board this week to serve the unexpired trustee term for District VI. Sung will fill the unexpired term of outgoing District VII Trustee Harvin Moore, and Flynn Vilaseca will serve the remaining term of the District VI seat formerly held by Greg Meyers.

Later that day at the regular board meeting, the board will vote to elect new board officers. They also will recognize and thank Trustee Manuel Rodriguez for his service as board president during 2016.

The nine members of HISD’s Board of Education serve staggered four-year terms—and, unlike their peers in other cities, they serve without pay. They are elected from separate geographic districts, but as board members they work closely with the superintendent of schools to improve teaching and learning throughout the entire city, not just in their individual trustee districts.

The swearing in ceremony is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017, in the board auditorium of the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 W. 18th Street. The regular monthly board meeting will be held in the same room at 5 p.m.