MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

FROM: Terry B. Grier, Ed. D. Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: OCTOBER 2011 HISD TAKS EXIT-LEVEL PERFORMANCE OF RETESTERS

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The Houston Independent School District (HISD) received the results from the October 2011 administration of the TAKS Exit-Level Exam. This was a special exam only offered to eleventh and twelfth-grade HISD students who had not yet passed each or any of the TAKS subtests (English/language arts, math, social studies, and science) during the prior administrations. Comparisons cannot be made to previous administrations as this was only for students who had not passed. The data presented provide a status report identifying the number of students by subject who still need to pass the TAKS to graduate. The next testing opportunity will be during the week of March 5–9, 2012.

There were 1,060 eleventh-grade students who were expected to be tested during the October 2011 administration of the TAKS Exit-Level Exam. Of these students, 934 were actually tested, 32 were counted as absent, and 94 were not tested due to other reasons. There were 1,919 twelfth-graders who were expected to be tested during the October 2011 administration of the TAKS Exit-Level Exam. Of these students, 1,761 were actually tested. Two Special Education students were not administered the exam because of compliance to federal Special Education laws as dictated through the ARD committee, 12 students were absent, and 144 were not tested for other reasons. The results from an analysis of the performance of students who were administered the exam at the districtwide and school levels are presented in the following summary and attached tables.

Table 1 provides HISD student performance for the 2011 October TAKS Exit-Level exams by subtests, for grades eleven and twelve. The results are presented for the following demographic groups: all students, racial/ethnic subgroups, economically disadvantaged students, limited English proficient students, and those students served by Special Education. The districtwide results from Table 1 examine the number of eleventh and twelfth-grade students retesting on the October Exit-Level TAKS, the percent of these students that met the state's passing standard, and the number of students who failed to meet the state's passing standard.

All Students-Eleventh Grade

- On the 2011 October administration of the TAKS Exit-Level Exam, 934 eleventh-grade students took at least one subject test. Of these students, 32 percent met the standard on all subject tests they took. These students have now met the TAKS graduation requirement. Conversely, 634 of those students tested still have failed at least one TAKS test needed to graduate. This compares to 670 juniors not having passed TAKS at this time in 2010.
- The highest passing rate for all eleventh graders was in social studies at 75 percent followed by English/Language Arts at 59 percent. The lowest passing rate for all eleventh-grade retesters was in mathematics, where 36 percent of the students assessed met the passing

standard. Mathematics also had the highest number of retesters with 693, followed by science, with 640.

		English Language Arts			Mat	themati	<u>cs</u>		Social Studies		5	Science		All Tests <u>Taken</u>		
	Grade	N Take	% Pass	N Fail	N Take	% Pass	N Fail	N Take	% Pass	N Fail	N Take	% Pass	N Fail	N Take	% Pass	N Fail
All	11	516	59	210	693	36	444	394	75	99	640	39	389	934	32	634
Students	12	778	46	420	1,146	39	696	389	78	86	1,005	41	592	1,761	33	1,185
Am. Ind./	11	1	*	*	1	*	*	0			2	*	*	2	*	*
Alaska	12	2	*	*	6	33	4	2	*	*	5	40	3	6	17	5
Asian	11	10	50	5	10	60	4	7	86	1	9	67	3	13	38	8
American	12	38	32	26	21	67	7	16	81	3	24	46	13	45	31	31
African	11	136	71	39	226	34	149	114	79	24	183	38	114	268	27	196
American	12	182	53	85	404	32	274	100	76	24	294	36	188	551	29	391
Hispanic	11	337	55	152	413	35	269	248	71	73	416	38	258	598	33	401
•	12	495	41	292	644	41	383	226	77	52	620	41	363	1,050	32	713
Hawaiian/	11	0			0			0			0			0		
Pacific Is.	12	3	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	4	*	*
White	11	20	50	10	27	44	15	13	100	0	18	67	6	37	51	18
	12	43	77	10	51	67	17	34	88	4	46	63	17	76	62	29
2 or More	11	3	*	*	4	*	*	3	*	*	3	*	*	4	*	*
Eth. Gr.	12	4	*	*	6	50	3	2	*	*	3	*	*	8	63	3
Eco	11	328	59	136	422	36	272	270	73	72	409	36	260	568	30	395
Disadv	12	500	45	276	691	40	413	265	78	57	635	40	380	1,063	30	742
LEP	11	128	24	97	115	32	78	58	47	31	119	29	85	171	20	136
	12	345	23	267	261	36	166	109	66	37	263	28	189	474	16	396
Special Ed	11	54	35	35	81	12	71	35	49	18	72	32	49	104	17	86
·	12	98	34	65	166	14	143	38	45	21	146	22	114	240	19	194

Table 1: Districtwide Results From Eleventh and Twelfth-Grade Students Retesting on the October 2011 TAKS Exit-Level Exam by Ethnicity and Student Group

*Numbers masked when fewer than five students tested.

All Students-Twelfth Grade

- On the October 2011 administration of the TAKS Exit-Level Exam, 1,761 twelfth-grade students took at least one subject test. Of these students, 33 percent passed all subject tests they took. These students have met the TAKS requirements for graduation. Conversely, 1,185 of the seniors tested still have failed at least one TAKS test needed to graduate. This compares to 1,138 seniors at this time in 2010 not having passed TAKS.
- The highest passing rate for twelfth graders was in social studies where 78 percent of the 389 students assessed met the passing standard. The lowest passing rate was in mathematics, where 39 percent of the 1,146 twelfth-grade students assessed met the passing standard. After the October 2011 retest, 696 seniors still have not passed the mathematics exam, and 592 have not passed the science exam.

Results by Number of Tests Taken

Districtwide results for eleventh and twelfth-grade students by the number of tests taken for the October 2011 Exit-Level TAKS retest are presented in **Table 2**.

able 2: District Results on the October 2011 TAKS Exit-Level Retest by the Number of Tests Taken												
Grade	N Tests	Ν	Ν	Percent	N Not							
Level	<u>Taken</u>	<u>Students</u>	Met	Met	Met							
	11	1	319	150	47							
	11	2	196	28	14							
	11	3	144	43	30							
	11	4	275	79	29							
11	Total	934	300	32	634							
12	1	925	395	43	530							
12	2	383	52	14	331							
12	3	185	24	13	161							
12	4	268	105	39	163							
12	Total	1,761	576	33	1,185							

- On the October 2011 exit-level retest, 319 of the 934 eleventh-graders tested only took one subject test and 47 percent met the passing standard. Of the eleventh-grade students who took two or more tests, the percents passing ranged from 14 percent to 30 percent.
- For twelfth-grade students, 925 of the 1,761 seniors taking the October 2011 exit-level retest only took one subject test, and 43 percent met the passing standard. Of the twelfth-grade students who took two or more tests, the percents passing ranged from 13 percent to 39 percent.

School-Level Results

School-level results for eleventh and twelfth-grade students for the October 2011 Exit-Level TAKS retest are presented in **Table 3** (see attachment). The passing standard for retesting students is the state standard that was applicable on the exit-level test during the student's first attempt on the test. The school-level results include the number taking, the percent passing, and the number that did not meet the passing standard for each subject.

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Attachments

cc: Superintendent's Direct Reports Chief School Officers School Improvement Officers High School Principals Sowmya Kumar Matilda Orozco Martha Salazar-Zamora

Campus		English Language Arts			I	Mathematics	6	:	Social Studi	ies		Science		All Test Taken		
	Grd	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing
Houston ISD	11	516	59	210	693	36	444	394	75	99	640	39	389	934	32	634
	12	778	46	420	1,146	39	696	389	78	86	1,005	41	592	1,761	33	1,185
Adv. Vir. Aca.	11	51	73	14	63	21	50	39	85	6	59	29	42	76	18	62
	12	4	*	*	15	20	12	2	*	*	9	33	6	21	29	15
Austin	11	14	50	7	21	38	13	15	53	7	23	30	16	28	29	20
	12	43	23	33	55	35	36	11	55	5	56	20	45	102	20	82
Bellaire	11	37	35	24	64	38	40	24	67	8	58	45	32	92	36	59
	12	15	73	4	20	70	6	15	93	1	19	74	5	25	56	11
Carnegie Vanguard	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	2	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	2	*	*
Challenge	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
Chavez	11	41	76	10	45	56	20	38	87	5	42	67	14	64	53	30
	12	36	67	12	55	53	26	25	92	2	67	54	31	102	47	54
CLC HS	11	0			2	*	*	0			1	*	*	2	*	*
	12	0			3			0			1	*	*	3	*	*
Community Services	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
Davis	11	10	40	6	13	0	13	8	50	4	14	7	13	15	0	15
	12	28	39	17	69	28	50	18	56	8	59	47	31	93	30	65
DeBakey	11	0			0			0			1	*	*	1	*	*
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Eastwood Academy	11	2	*	*	2	*	*	2	*	*	2	*	*	2	*	*
	12	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	2	*	*	2	*	*
Energized for STEM	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	0			0			0			1	*	*	1	*	*
Furr	11	8	100	0	8	75	2	5	100	0	5	40	3	12	58	5
	12	22	59	9	29	59	12	16	88	2	34	56	15	45	44	25
Hope Academy	11	21	86	3	24	71	7	18	83	3	23	48	12	25	40	15
	12	13	85	2	32	44	18	7	71	2	25	28	18	39	26	29

Table 3: 2011 October TAKS Exit-Level Retest Exam Results by Campus

*Fewer than 5 students tested.

HISD Research and Accountability_____

	Grd	English Language Arts			I	Mathematics	8	:	Social Studi	es		Science		All Test Taken		
Campus		N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing
Houston Academy for	11	0			0			0			0			0		
International Studies	12	0			1	*	*	0			1	*	*	2	*	*
HSLECJ	11	0			0			0			1	*	*	1	*	*
	12	0			1	*	*	0			0			1	*	*
HSPVA	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	1	*	*	2	*	*	0			0			3	*	*
International @	11	0			0			0			0			0		
Sharpstown	12	3	*	*	4	*	*	2	*	*	3	*	*	6	0	6
Sam Houston M, S, T	11	14	43	8	20	20	16	6	83	1	18	33	12	27	26	20
	12	77	42	45	78	28	56	19	84	3	83	35	54	149	29	106
Jones	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	5	20	4	21	38	13	3	*	*	14	36	9	27	41	16
Jordan, Barbara	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	10	40	6	17	24	13	6	33	4	13	46	7	28	32	19
Kashmere	11	9	22	7	18	22	14	2	*	*	9	44	5	19	21	15
	12	3	*	*	5	0	5	3	*	*	5	20	4	10	10	9
Lamar	11	17	76	4	16	44	9	14	86	2	17	47	9	23	39	14
	12	28	64	10	42	60	17	21	86	3	28	46	15	61	46	33
Lee	11	29	76	7	23	74	6	22	95	1	24	54	11	30	60	12
	12	86	49	44	67	57	29	32	94	2	65	62	25	118	41	70
Liberty	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	82	22	64	69	33	46	50	68	16	77	21	61	105	11	93
Madison	11	22	95	1	23	52	11	22	86	3	22	41	13	25	32	17
	12	46	61	18	59	44	33	21	90	2	51	31	35	98	38	61
Milby	11	43	53	20	64	33	43	19	74	5	72	26	53	107	29	76
	12	9	33	6	17	35	11	4	*	*	12	8	11	25	24	19
Mt. Carmel	11	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
	12	3	*	*	3	*	*	2	*	*	3	*	*	4	*	*
New Aspirations	11	2	*	*	15	27	11	4	*	*	5	20	4	15	27	11
	12	4	*	*	9	44	5	1	*	*	8	38	5	14	29	10

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Campus	Grd	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing
REACH	11	72	46	39	101	18	83	71	54	33	96	23	74	125	16	105
	12	8	63	3	33	15	28	5	60	2	18	11	16	37	14	32
Reagan	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	28	61	11	57	68	18	17	88	2	56	55	25	88	51	43
Scarborough	11	12	50	6	14	50	7	8	75	2	11	45	6	22	55	10
	12	13	62	5	17	47	9	11	64	4	15	60	6	22	36	14
Sharpstown	11	38	55	17	39	72	11	11	73	3	33	73	9	61	49	31
	12	5	20	4	13	62	5	4	*	*	10	50	5	15	27	11
Sterling	11	1	*	*	4	*	*	1	*	*	6	17	5	7	0	7
	12	10	40	6	23	22	18	2	*	*	26	27	19	39	23	30
Waltrip	11	16	25	12	29	14	25	10	80	2	19	53	9	48	33	32
	12	6	100	0	11	64	4	6	83	1	12	67	4	14	57	6
Washington	11	8	63	3	11	0	11	6	50	3	12	8	11	16	6	15
	12	17	18	14	28	18	23	10	60	4	22	41	13	42	19	34
Westbury	11	17	47	9	20	65	7	17	88	2	21	62	8	28	54	13
	12	57	25	43	83	39	51	22	73	6	69	49	35	130	31	90
Westside	11	17	71	5	34	32	23	14	86	2	25	52	12	40	30	28
	12	28	57	12	60	47	32	15	87	2	43	44	24	88	47	47
Wheatley	11	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
	12	36	39	22	50	12	44	13	69	4	35	23	27	73	19	59
Worthing	11	12	67	4	17	18	14	15	73	4	18	28	13	20	10	18
	12	18	61	7	46	30	32	7	86	1	31	35	20	62	26	46
Yates	11	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
	12	29	62	11	48	33	32	15	87	2	29	52	14	63	37	40

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