**Trustee Harvin Moore to step down**

*Moore has represented Trustee District VII nearly 13 years*

*August 5, 2016* – HISD District VII Trustee [Harvin Moore](http://www.houstonisd.org/Domain/10801) has announced that he is stepping down from the board.

A former Houston Independent School District student, Moore was first elected to the board in 2003, and served as president in 2008. He is currently the longest-serving member of HISD’s nine-member board.

“After serving for 13 years, I've decided to resign to spend more time on my business and family,” Moore said. “I'm proud of the significant improvement in teaching and in the quality of principals and district leadership HISD has achieved over these years.  We have seen a huge increase in the number and quality of magnet and neighborhood schools, including some of the most innovative and successful in the nation.  I'm also glad to have completed a superintendent search just last week and believe [Richard Carranza](http://blogs.houstonisd.org/news/2016/07/27/richard-a-carranza-named-sole-finalist-for-hisd-superintendent/) will be successful in Houston.”

Moore said he will continue to serve on the board until his replacement is chosen. He has asked the board to place his position on the ballot for the upcoming November election.

“I'm resigning now so that the voters can elect my replacement at what will likely be the highest turnout election in many years,” Moore said. “I will continue to serve, attend meetings and vote until I am replaced in November.”

Board President Manuel Rodríguez applauded Moore’s years of unpaid service to the children of HISD.

“Harvin Moore has fought the good fight for all HISD students,” Rodríguez said. “I personally appreciate his championing of the district’s work to create dozens of dual language schools where students become proficient in English and a second language, including Spanish, Mandarin Chinese and Arabic. “He has the gratitude of the entire HISD family, and we wish him well.”

Moore said he is proud that the district has earned a national reputation for innovation and a children-first philosophy.

With Moore on the board, HISD has successfully opened dozens of new dual-language schools. Moore was a strong advocate for the [2012 bond referendum](http://www.houstonisd.org/bond) that is enabling HISD to replace and repair 40 schools across the city, including 29 high schools.

Moore has also been a staunch advocate for the creation of an equitable Texas school finance system. The present system is requiring HISD to send $162 million in local tax dollars to the state, rather than allowing HISD to use those funds serving a student body that is 76 percent economically disadvantaged.

“Working together, we have made HISD a national example of what a strong urban school district can be,” Moore said. “It is well past time for the state of Texas to step up and invest in our public schools.”