

# HISD PRESS RELEASE

## HISD Board of Education to consider proposed budget for 2019-2020 school year

*June 17, 2019* – The Houston Independent School District Board of Education will consider adopting a \$2.1 billion budget for the 2019-2020 school year. The budget calls for no reductions in per-student spending, no staff cuts or salary cuts, and it calls for no increase in HISD’s property tax rate. Additionally, administration’s recommended compensation package for all staff will be presented to the board. The compensation package will include a recommendation on salary increases for all employees with a differentiated percentage for teachers based on experience. Administration will recommend that the Board approve the proposed budget on June 18 and consider approving an amendment to the budget that incorporates the compensation package as well as other HB 3 related items on June 27.

**The board’s regular monthly meeting begins at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, in the Manuel Rodríguez Jr. Board Auditorium of the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 W. 18th St., 77092. Click [here](#) to view the full agenda. Prior to the meeting, the district will hold a public meeting at 4 p.m. to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate for the 2019-2020 school year.**

Increases in spending in this year’s budget would 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 proposed 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 spending plan 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.

The budget must be approved by June 30 in accordance with state law, since HISD’s fiscal year begins annually on July 1 and ends on June 30.

Also on Tuesday, trustees are expected to approve updates to the 2019-2020 Code of Student Conduct.

The board will also consider accepting a donation of \$50,000 from The Powell Foundation for HISD’s Project Explore, Parent University, and Middle School Parent Night – a new districtwide program to prepare eighth-grade students for high school and offer support to their parents.

**The board meeting will be broadcast live online at [www.hisd.tv](http://www.hisd.tv) and on HISD TV (Xfinity channel 18 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99).**

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