

**MINUTES OF HISD BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION  
AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING**

**September 6, 2018**

**Committee Members Present:**

Anne Sung (Chairperson)

Holly Maria Flynn Vilaseca (Trustee)

**Administrative Resources Present:**

Doris Delaney, Conservator (TEA)  
Lisa McBride, Board Counsel, Thompson & Horton  
LLP

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order.** Trustee Sung called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Committee members and administrative personnel present introduced themselves.

**Review the Minutes from Previous Meetings**

**Discussion of the Special Education Ad Hoc Committee Report to the Houston Independent School District Board of Education**

**Introduction**

**Committee Membership**

**Role of Board and Committee**

Sentences for Preface:

Although the focus of the SPED committee is on Special Education, we recognize that an emphasis on quality teachers, services and supports across all levels at the the district will enhance the learning and experience of our students with special needs.

Special education starts with general education.

**Achievement Gap**

Test Scores (page 4)

Can we compare HISD Renaissance 360 scores for Special Education students to those of other urban districts?

Break down STAAR test scores by primary disability category?

Include note about ALT STAAR and what that means and how many students participated

Include number of Special Education students absent during STAAR test

## **Findings**

### **Areas of Strength**

### **Areas in Need of Improvement**

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## **Recommendation**

Consider Adding Key Components to the Principal TADS Tool

Include important key components that must be addressed during principal instructional walks, observations and feedback documentation to principals.

SSOs conduct these principal observations.

Ensure that all district major areas are covered during the principal observations and feedback. Areas listed below:

- SPED
- 504
- EL
- GT
- Overage
- Subgroups
  - African American
  - Hispanic
  - Caucasian
  - Asian
  - Multi-Race

## **PAC**

The committee would like to express its appreciation to Dr. Verrett for working with parents and advocates to create a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) – an organization by parents and for parents with District buy-in and district resources.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.