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Board of Trustees set to vote on proposed \$2.2 billion budget and teacher pay raises

Board will vote to commemorate Juneteenth holiday

June 9, 2022 – The Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees will consider adopting a \$2.2 billion budget for the 2022-2023 school year that includes an 11% raise for teachers. That will bump the starting salary to \$61,500.

By leveraging Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, the district will compress the first two years of the three-year compensation plan. That means there will no impact to either the General Fund or the district's structural deficit as compared to the original proposal shared a few months ago.

The master pay table will also be updated for all staff providing a raise for all district personnel.


Under the revised compensation plan, HISD will also maintain its status as one of the regional leaders among school districts for minimum wage. Most district employees will earn at least \$15/hour at the start of the coming school year.


If approved, the budget will fund the initiatives laid out in Superintendent House's five-year strategic plan. The blueprint calls for all schools to employ librarians or media specialists, nurse or nurse assistants, and counselors.


The board will also vote on a resolution to observe the Juneteenth holiday on Monday, June 20, 2022. This will be the first year HISD will observe Juneteenth since it became a federal holiday in 2021. The holiday commemorates the day in 1865 when a Union general arrived in Galveston and read the order effectively ending slavery in the United States.


The meeting will be streamed live. To watch, click [here](#).

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the eighth-largest in the United States, with 276 schools and nearly 197,000 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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