LEARNING FROM THE TOWN HALL MEETINGS
Superintendent Millard House II hosted a series of Community Townhalls at selected campuses to have frequent more communications with the community and to provide an overview of the progress that has been made on the Houston Independent School District (HISD) 5-year Strategic plan.

These meetings gave parents and families an opportunity to and hear from the Board of Trustees, District Executive Officers, and answer questions from members of the community.

Our family and community play a pivotal role in supporting student achievement. All families, residents, and community members were invited to participate in this event.
METHODOLOGY

Nine townhalls
One in each Trustee district
Resource Expo
Shared Parent Feedback from the Possip platform
WHAT WE ASKED

General feedback

Do you feel the district has made progress on the issues and concerns you had a year ago?

Are there any areas that need more focused attention?
WHAT WE HEARD

Approximately 200 comments and questions were received.

18% of comments were focused on academic topics like how students can access advanced academics and school choice.

12.5% were focused on staff issues and included comments like teacher training and additional support for teachers.

10% of comments discussed school safety.

7% of the comments were focused on facilities including deferred maintenance, building upgrades and landscaping.

Other topics of note included: Budget, transportation, communications, SPED and community engagement.
KEY COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

ACADEMICS
- How does School Choice work?
- When does magnet application open?
- Tell us more about the curriculum?
- Why doesn’t our school have (GT, magnet, etc.) programming?

SAFETY
- How do we keep students and teachers safe?
- What do you need from parents regarding safety?
- What training does HISD PD receive?

TEACHER SUPPORT
- How are teachers being supported with new curriculum?
- How can we ensure that we have the best teachers in the classroom?
- What support can we give teachers with large classes?

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KEY COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

**FACILITIES**
- Are there plans to catch up on deferred maintenance orders?
- How is landscaping carried out across the District?
- When will we know about potential campus footprint changes?
- What updates can be made to older buildings?

**OTHER CONCERNS**
- How can I more effectively advocate for my scholar who is receiving SPED services?
- What are we going to do post-ESSER?
- What support is needed to improve race relations?
- How can we prepare kids for careers and college?
- What are we going to do post-ESSER?
WHATS NEXT?

Community problem solving sessions in select communities

Share District responses to concerns raised

More frequent community conversations

Invite all Parents to the Parent Organization Expo

Increase engagement with Possip

Parent Advisory Committee
THANK YOU