UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS

HPD Officers, UHCL, and the Nat’l Teen and Police Service (TAPS) Academy attend a training to implement TAPS on Secondary campuses. Mission: to decrease the social distance between youth and police.

CenterPoint Energy Employees participated in the annual Grads Within Reach Phone bank. CenterPoint Energy provided volunteers who completed a total of 2022 phone calls to parents and students. Parents and students were encouraged to contact the last school attended or to call the Student Attendance Office for assistance at 713-556-7017.

REMINDERS

Attendance Matters at Mading Elementary!
- Information for Parents
- Attendance Goals and Procedures in Place
- Buy-in from Parents
- A Purposeful Community

All Schools
- Immediate Enrollment—the Federal McKinney-Vento Act entitles students to immediate enrollment, despite loss of records.
- Youth Watch Initiative—find fliers at http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/149785 to help with student recovery.
- School Start Window ends October 27th to enroll all our students back into school.

Secondary Schools
- Please click here to register for the first Districtwide Graduation Support Meeting of the year scheduled for October 5th from 9 am-11 am at Chavez High School. Visit the Student Assistance Office at http://www.houstonisd.org/Domain/46908 for more information regarding campus-based Graduation Support Meeting Guidelines and to access the Drop Out Recovery Form.

RESOURCES

October is National Drop Out Prevention Month. Please see http://dropoutprevention.org/ for more information.

America’s Promise Alliance has resources at http://www.americaspromise.org to help keep students on track for high school graduation. The Alliance also has the GRADNATION Campaign to identify best practices to increase on-time high school graduation. Check out their researched-base effective practices for non-academic factors at http://gradnation.americaspromise.org/action-platform/non-academic-factors.

HISD Student Assistance - Attendance Office for additional educational options to return to school. Academic options: http://www.houstonisd.org/Domain/8056

Shout out to Mading Elementary for creating a culture around the importance of attendance.