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A Busy Week at the Capitol and in the District

The last week has been very busy here at the Capitol and at home in the district. While the legislature has been hard at work tending to the business of the State, you have been busy handling the business of the many organizations and groups that make our community such a great place to live, work and play.

On Saturday, April 20, the Kingwood Community came together to host a local Boston Tribute Run. The event was held to honor those affected by the Boston Marathon bombings. Runners gathered early in the morning, most donning red, white and blue clothes and carrying American flags down the route, which took the runners south on West Lake Houston Parkway. [View a quick video of the event here.](#)

Later that evening, hundreds gathered at the Kingwood Country Club for the annual Lake Houston Chamber of Commerce "Party on the Green". The event took attendees around the globe, offering great food from Tony Raffa, a bid board, silent auction and a live auction. The winners of the Chamber Golf Classic Tournament, held earlier in the week, were also honored at the event.

The next day, April 21st, the Lake Houston Area Aggies gathered for their annual Muster to honor fallen Aggies at the Barrington Manor House. Aggies around the world are encouraged to come together every April 21 to honor Aggies who have gone before them.

Bright and early Monday morning, supporters and volunteers for the Village Learning & Achievement Center flooded the course at Tour 18 for their annual Golf Tournament. Later that evening, the candidates for the Humble ISD Board of Trustees participated in a Forum held at Lone Star College- Kingwood. This was only one of many forums held for the candidates prior to Early Voting next week.

Thursday evening saw the return of the YMCA's annual "Dancing for Partners" event. Thirteen of our local community leaders were partnered with local dance instructors to entertain the crowd of family and friends. In the end, Memorial Hermann's Heath Rushing danced away with the Championship trophy. Humble ISD Education Foundation's own board member, Jen Sitton, came in at a close second place.

The week concluded with several great events, including the Humble Intercontinental Rotary Spaghetti Dinner and the Humble Police Association Crawfish Boil on Friday evening at the Humble Civic Center and Arena. The weekend will continue with even more events honoring our local civic and community organizations. As always, my family and I will be out and about at this weekend's festivities and we look forward to seeing you there, also!

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty
State Representative- District 127

Humble ISD Board of Trustees Candidates Forum

On Monday, March 22, the Lake Houston Chamber of Commerce, along with Humble ATPE, hosted a forum at Lone Star College- Kingwood for all of the Humble ISD Board of Trustee candidates. James O. Ellis (left) charter president of Humble ATPE and retired Humble High School government teacher, emceed the event. Current Humble ATPE President and Region 4 ATPE President, Stacey Ward, and current Humble ISD School Board President, Charles Cunningham, are pictured with Ellis below.



The Humble ISD Board of Trustee candidates are listed in the table below in ballot order. Early voting begins Monday, April 29, and continues through Friday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Early Voting is also available Monday, May 6, and Tuesday May 7, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Election Day is Saturday, May 11.

Local Early Voting Branch Locations include the following:

Humble City Hall/Council Chamber, 114 W. Higgins Street, Humble 77338

Humble ISD Administration Building, 20200 Eastway Village Drive, Humble 77338

Humble ISD Instructional Support Center (ISC), 4810 Magnolia Cove Drive, Kingwood 77345

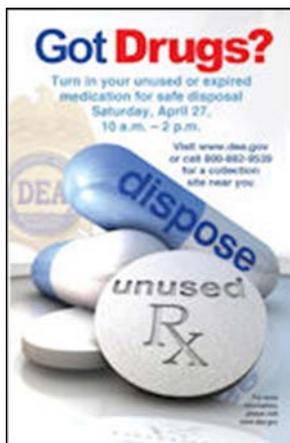
Position 1	Robert Sitton
	Geoffrey Geiger
Position 2	Miguel Perez
	Keith Lapeze
	Dena Steed
Position 3	Bonnie Longinion
	Angela Conrad
Position 4	Charles Cunningham
Position 5	Brent Engelage
	Fred Rosenberg
Position 6	Corinn Price
	Vernon Reed
	Heath Rushing
	Martina Lemond Dixon
	Edgar Clayton
	Dr. Johnny O'Connor

Voters can expect to also see a Lone Star College Election on their ballots. Positions 1, 2 and 8, are on the ballot. Each of these positions has an incumbent board member running for re-election, along with at least one opponent. Candidates are listed below in ballot order. The ballot will also host the 2013 Lone Star College Bond Referendum. You can learn more about the candidates and the bond [here](#).

Position 1	Position 2	Position 8
David Holsey	Janie Branham	Bill Morris
Elizabeth "Liz" Jensen	Kyle Scott	Randy Bates
	Tom Forestier	Ron Trowbridge

National Prescription Take-Back Day - Saturday, April 27th

To help the public properly dispose of unused or expired medication, the City of Houston is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to host the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All tablets, capsules and solid dosage forms will be collected, however intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes will not be accepted. This service is free, anonymous and open to all. Citizens may drop off prescription drugs at the Kingwood Branch Library, 4400 Ben's View Lane. For more information contact Sergeant Kenneth Herndon at Kenneth.herndon@houstontx.gov or 713.308.3200 or the DEA at 1.800.882.9539. To learn more about the Houston Police Department, visit <http://www.houstonpolice.org/>.



Leadership Lake Houston Book Drive

The second class of Leadership Lake Houston has reached the end of their term. Just as their predecessors, this class must conduct a community service project. They have chosen to host a Book Drive to collect reading material for the library at Northbelt Elementary. Gently used or new books can be dropped off at any of the locations listed below. The drive started in early April and will conclude on May 10th.

Leadership Lake Houston Book Drive

GIVE the GIFT of READING

April 1 - May 10

Bi-lingual books too!

Donate new or gently used books for Kindergarten - 5th grade students at Northbelt Elementary.

Book donations are accepted at:

Lone Star College Kingwood - Classroom Building A & Performing Arts Center
20000 Kingwood Drive, Kingwood 77339

Edward Jones - Robert Sitton
18455 W Lake Houston Parkway, Humble 77346

Humble ISD Administration Building
20200 Eastway Village Drive, Humble 77338

Lake Houston YMCA
2420 W Lake Houston Parkway, Kingwood 77339

James Eggers ISC Building
4810 Magnolia Cove Drive, Kingwood 77345

Chick Fil A Fall Creek
9525 N. Sam Houston Parkway, Humble 77396

Lake Houston Chamber of Commerce
110 W Main Street, Humble 77338

Update from the Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency

Commissioner of Education, Michael L. Williams, announced the four components that will be part of the new 2013 state accountability system for school districts, campuses and charters in Texas. The first ratings under this system will be issued by the Texas Education Agency on August 8, 2013. "I have heard the criticism of the previous accountability system, with its overemphasis on a school's lowest performing areas and its blind spot to what a district or charter might be doing well," said Commissioner Williams. "The new system makes use of multiple indicators to provide parents and taxpayers a more detailed overview of the successes, as well as areas of necessary improvement, for each school district, charter and campus."

The revised system will still use student assessments, but also makes use of additional indicators to provide parents and taxpayers greater detail on the performance of a district or charter and each individual campus throughout the state. The 2013 accountability system will use a performance index framework that considers four areas (*including student groups that are part of that index*):

- Student Achievement – Represents a snapshot of performance across all subjects, on both general and alternative assessments, at an established performance standard. (*All Students*)
- Student Progress – Provides an opportunity for diverse campuses to show improvements made independent of overall achievement levels. Growth is evaluated by subject and student group. (*All Students; Student Groups by Race/Ethnicity; English Language Learners; Special Education*)
- Closing Performance Gaps – Emphasizes advanced academic achievement of the economically disadvantaged student group and the lowest performing race/ethnicity student groups at each campus or district. (*All Students; Student Groups by Race/Ethnicity*)
- Postsecondary Readiness – Includes measures of high school completion, and beginning in 2014, State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) performance at the postsecondary readiness standard. This measure emphasizes the importance of students receiving high school diplomas that provide the foundation necessary for success in college, the workforce, job training programs or the military. (*All Students; Student Groups by Race/Ethnicity; English Language Learners; Special Education*)

District and campuses with students in Grade 9 or above must meet targets on all four indexes. Districts and campuses with students in Grade 8 or lower must meet targets on the first three indexes (excluding Postsecondary Readiness).

Districts, campuses and charters will receive one of three ratings:

- Met Standard – Met accountability targets on all indexes for which they have performance data in 2013
- Met Alternative Standard – Met modified performance index targets for alternative education campuses or districts
- Improvement Required – Did not meet one or more performance index targets

For eligible campuses that achieve the rating of Met Standard, distinction designations in the following areas will also be assigned for outstanding academic achievement in reading/English language arts and mathematics: Top 25 Percent Student Progress; Academic Achievement in Reading/English language arts; and Academic Achievement in Mathematics.

These distinction designations will be based on campus performance in relation to a comparison group of campuses. "It's important to note that while the new system bases accountability on a index framework, the state will emphasize the importance of closing achievement gaps and addressing the needs of all students in Texas," said Commissioner Williams. "Those districts and campuses that are leaders in improving achievement for all its students will be easily identified under this system." Because all aspects of the performance index framework cannot be fully implemented at this time, 2013 will be considered a transition year. Accountability advisory groups will reconvene later this year to finalize recommendations for accountability ratings criteria for 2014 and beyond. In addition, work will continue on the conversion of this new system into an A-F rating system for 2014. Williams acknowledged various aspects of the state accountability system are currently being discussed by the Texas Legislature. Any changes in bills passed during the legislative session can and will be incorporated into the system.

For a detailed overview of all components of the 2013 state accountability system, visit the Texas Education Agency website at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2013/index.html>.