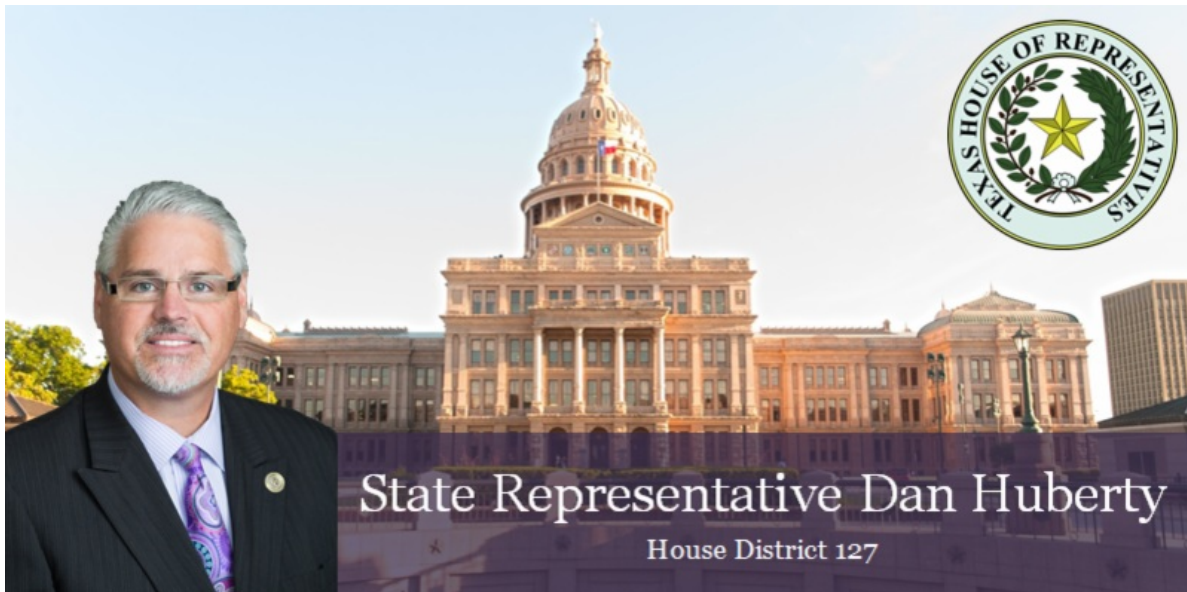


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January 19, 2018

Thank you for subscribing to my newsletter. This week's edition contains information about the Texas Education Agency's proposal to correct the allegations of restricting enrollment in special education. You may remember that last session, the House Committee on Public Education addressed this issue and successfully passed [SB 160](#), which prohibited TEA from establishing any limit on enrollment for students in special education. The passage of this new legislation shone a spotlight on TEA and has led to this new plan.

I am encouraged that TEA is making steps to correct this issue, and I look forward to the progress. You can read more about this plan in their press release below.

In the subsequent newsletter, you'll also find a Calendar Survey for Humble ISD. This survey closes on January 31, 2018, so please be sure to fill it out. It asks about start date preferences and other important dates throughout the school year.

My offices have also been getting a lot of questions about the Appointments process, from the Plea for Three campaign, which calls for appointments from the Lake Houston area to the San Jacinto River Authority. You can find more information about that below.

Next Tuesday, January 23, I will be in Austin for the first meeting of the newly established Commission on Public School Finance. I will be sure to provide an update about the meeting, but be sure to go to the [Commission's website](#) to find out how you can participate and tune in.

As always, please contact my staff if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about any of these matters. You can contact my staff directly through the information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dan Huberty.



Humble ISD Update

Calendar Survey for Humble ISD



You are invited to participate in Humble ISD's Calendar Survey. The survey is open until Jan. 31, 2018. During the fall semester, the Calendar Committee, comprised of teachers, principals, and central office staff, met to design options for the 2018-2019 school year. To guide

their work, a survey of parents, staff and community members was conducted. The survey asked about preferences for school start and end dates, the length of the Thanksgiving Break and the timing of the Winter Break. As of result of the committee work and the input survey, three calendar options have been developed. Please review each calendar option and submit your preference by Jan. 31, 2018.

Results of this survey will be considered, and a recommended calendar for 2018-2019 is expected to be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on Feb. 13, 2018.

[Click here to take the survey!](#)

Austin Updates

TEA Drafts Corrective Action Plan for Special Education



At the direction of Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has drafted an initial corrective action plan regarding the support and delivery of special education services in our state's public schools. The initial draft addresses all issues identified in a recent federal monitoring report, including the proper identification of special education students and assuring access to appropriate services at the local level.

Commissioner of Education Mike Morath stressed this initial plan is simply a first draft still requiring additional public comment. Before a final plan is submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, TEA will engage in a significant outreach effort over the next two months to hear from special education students, families, educators, advocacy groups, district and school officials, and all others seeking to provide input on the plan.

"This corrective action plan provides the state of Texas the chance to make meaningful, lasting change in how we educate and support children with special needs," said Commissioner Morath. "We are approaching this planning process with the seriousness that it requires and hope to solicit the kind of collective feedback, support and collaboration that our students deserve as we work to earn back the trust parents place in us for their children. My top priority has and continues to be to improve outcomes for all students in Texas."

A copy of the draft plan was shared with the Governor's Office and made publicly available today on the TEA website (<https://tea.texas.gov/TexasSPED>). Significant actions that are part of the draft plan include:

- TEA would create a suite of resources intended to be shared with the parents of children suspected of having a disability to help fully inform them of their rights to a free and appropriate public education, and accompany those resources with a large outreach effort.
- TEA would roll out a large scale statewide special education professional

development system, including multiple opportunities for follow-up support for all educators (general education, special education, and others).

- For students who are found to have needed services and did not receive them, the school system is responsible for providing compensatory services. TEA would identify funds to support effective service delivery.
- TEA would further strengthen its staffing and resources devoted to special education, allowing for greater oversight as well as additional on-site support to local school districts.

TEA will be accepting an initial round of public comments on the draft plan through Feb. 18. A website has been established providing a copy of the draft, an overview of TEA's outreach efforts with various stakeholders, and an email address to provide comment.

Following the initial round of public comments and stakeholder engagement, a revised draft plan will be available on or around March 1. Additional public comment will be accepted through March 31.

Under the current timeline, the final State corrective action plan would be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education on or around April 18 (pending additional conversations and feedback from federal officials).

To review the draft plan and learn more about providing feedback, visit the TEA website at <https://tea.texas.gov/TexasSPED>.

Get to Know the Appointments Process



The authority to make governmental appointments is one of the powers given to the Governor of Texas by the state's Constitution.

During a four-year term, the Governor will make about **3,000 appointments**.

Most appointments are:

1. State officials and members of state boards, commissions and councils that carry out the laws and direct the policies of state government activities.
2. Members of task forces that advise the Governor or executive agencies on specific issues and policies; or
3. State elected and judicial offices when vacancies occur by resignation or death of the office holder.

[To learn more about his process, click here.](#)

Hurricane Harvey Recovery Resources

Plea for Three - How to Get Involved

SEND emails to all suggested state officials

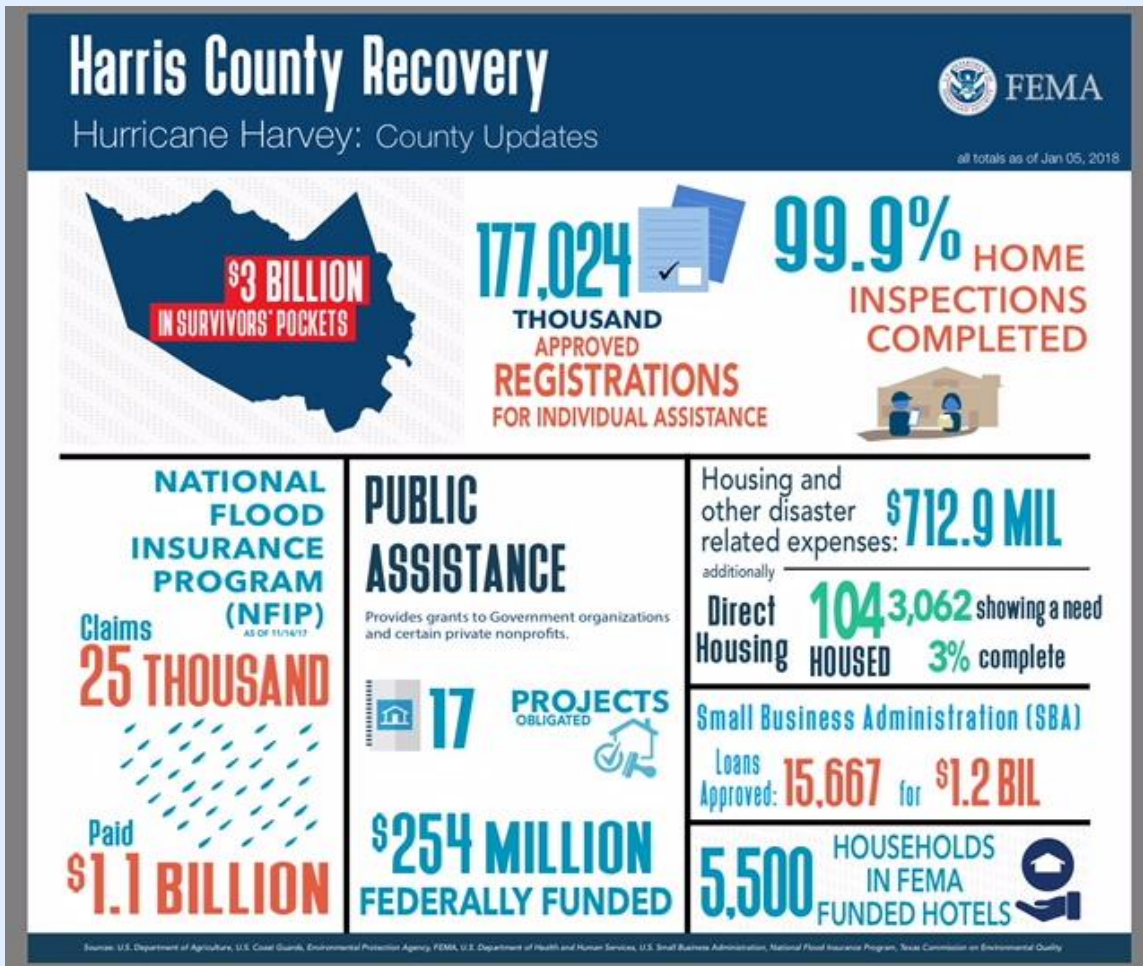
SHARE the campaign with your employees, co-workers, friends, neighbors, and customers

SPREAD the campaign on social media using #PleaFor3LakeHouston #RecoverLakeHouston. See sample tweets/posts, social media pages/groups at RecoverLakeHouston.com

SIGN UP to get updates on the "Recover Lake Houston" movement (your email will not be shared or used for purposes other than Recover Lake Houston updates)

Visit <http://www.lakehouston.org/recoverlakehouston> for more information.

The logo for "Plea for Three Lake Houston" features the text "PLEA FOR THREE" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this text is a stylized graphic of three wavy lines representing water, with the top line in blue and the bottom two in white. Underneath the graphic, the words "LAKE HOUSTON" are written in a bold, sans-serif font.



For Your Information

Texas House Republican Caucus Brief - Ethics Reform



During the 84th Legislative Session, ethics reform was an emergency item issued by the Governor. Subsequently, the legislature took a strong stance on the issue by reforming governmental entities' contracting process (SB 20) and requiring additional disclosure by interested parties entering into contracts with governmental entities (HB 1295). Entering the 85th Legislative Session, ethics reform was at the forefront of the legislature's priority list and many bills were filed on the subject.

Senate Bill 500 - Prohibits elected officials convicted of certain felonies from being paid their government pensions.

House Bill 501 - Expands transparency of financial disclosure requirements for legislators, statewide elected officials, and other officials to disclose contracts with governmental entities.

House Bill 505 - Enacts new limits on the use of campaign funds.

House Bill 3903 - Repeals some restrictions on the uses of political contributions by a

judicial candidate or officeholder or specific-purpose committee.

Our country's democracy is founded on the belief that public servants are elected by the people to serve as their voice in government and to represent their interests. Republicans in the Texas House made protecting the public's trust in our elected officials a top priority during the 85th Session.

By increasing transparency in government and holding elected officials accountable to those who elected them to serve, House Republicans strengthened confidence in our elected leaders and public institutions.

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[Register online at LakeHouston.org.](https://www.lakehouston.org)

Constituent Resources

Need Assistance?

Our office is always ready to assist you. Call or email us and we will do our best to help. Many State Agencies also have hotlines or citizen assistance offices to assist you. That contact information is available at this link, in alphabetical order:

<http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm>

House District 127 Live Updates

All of the relevant information our office has gathered in regard to response and recovery of Hurricane Harvey is posted immediately to our Facebook page. Be sure to "like" us so that you can have the most up-to-date information.



Upcoming Events

January 2018

See an event you're interested in? Click the links on each date to learn more about the event's details. Under each link, you can find R.S.V.P. information, exact times, locations, and much more.

This color box indicates an event in Austin, Texas.

This color box indicates an event in the House District 127 area.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 New Year's Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day | 10 Woodland Hills Expansion - Grand Opening | 11 Biz-Com Humble | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>(District and Capitol Offices Closed)</i> Lake Houston Pachyderm Club - Judicial Forum | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Confederate Heroes Day LHACC Annual Awards Extravaganza | 20 Family Time Hearts of Gold Gala |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |

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| | | Com mission on Public School Finance Meeting | KARW - CD 2 Forum "The Big YEPowski" After Hours event | | | HLSR Boots and Buckles Ball |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

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