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January 26, 2018

Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter. This was a busy week for me and my staff.

I spent a few days in Austin for the inaugural meeting of the Commission on Public School Finance. This meeting spanned several hours, and the commission members listened to testimony from the commissioners of the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Texas Workforce Commission. We also listened to a presentation from the state demographer, who explained the changing dynamic of population in our public schools. Additionally, Justice Craig T. Enoch gave us an overview of the legal framework that surrounds the complicated school finance system. You can read more about this meeting and view the broadcast in the links below.

While in Austin, I also had meetings with Governor Abbott's office staff to discuss the [Plea for Three](#) campaign and the vacancies that currently exist on the San Jacinto River Authority. I am working hard to make sure that the openings on the board are filled with people who live *downstream* from Lake Conroe. If you are interested in serving on the board, the Governor's office is currently accepting appointment applications. You can learn more about that process [here](#).

In the district, my staff and I had meetings with the existing members of the SJRA to discuss mitigation and recovery.

If you have any questions or concerns please be sure to call my offices. Their contact information can be found below. We are here to assist you in any way that you may need.

I hope that you and your family have a restful weekend.

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty

Austin Updates

Commission on Public School Finance - First Meeting

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Texas Commission On Public School Finance



The first meeting of the Commission on Public School Finance occurred earlier this week. The commission membership heard from several individuals to get a snapshot of the state of the complex mechanisms that surround the school finance system.

You can view all of the presentations on [TEA's website here](#). You can also watch an archived version of the [entire hearing here](#).

TEA Survey - SPED Plan



The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has made available an online survey to solicit feedback on its draft corrective action plan for special education. The online survey, which is available on the TEA website (<https://tea.texas.gov/TexasSPED>), is open to anyone wishing to provide input on the draft plan.

SBOE Survey - Long Range Plan

Help the State Board of Education set long-term goals for the Texas public schools by completing an online survey that will be used to set educational priorities.

The survey covers five broad areas:

- The desired outcome of public education;
- Educator preparation, recruitment and retention;
- Equity and access to funding, technology and advanced courses;
- Student engagement and empowerment;
- Family engagement and empowerment.

The survey is available in English and Spanish. The English-language survey can be found at <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Long-Range-Planning-Survey> and the Spanish-language survey is available at <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Encuesta-de-opini-n-p-blica-para-Texas>. The survey will

Hurricane Harvey Recovery Resources

Hurricane Harvey - Daily Fact Sheet

The Federal Emergency Management Agency released a daily fact sheet with logs of helpful information for you and your family. In this fact sheet, you can find more information about the following:

- Mitigation Outreach
- Direct Housing
- The Individuals and Households Program (IHP)
- The Human Services Program
- Temporary Shelter Assistance (TSA)
- Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)
- U.S. Small Business Administration
- National Flood Insurance Program
- Hazard Mitigation Outreach
- Public Assistance (PA)



FEMA

Information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery is available at the following websites: the [Hurricane Harvey disaster web page](#), [the Rebuild Texas web site](#), [the FEMA Harvey Facebook page](#), the [@FEMARegion6 Twitter account](#), Texas mitigation at fema.gov/texas-disaster-mitigation and the [Texas Division of Emergency Management website](#).

[You can download and print the fact sheet here.](#)

Governor Abbott, House And Senate Leadership, Grant Texas General Land Office Funding Request To Continue Housing Programs For Harvey Victims



Governor Greg Abbott, in partnership with Texas House and Senate leadership, approved a request by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for \$38.6 million in disaster-related aid to fund critical direct housing programs across the Gulf region in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. The funds will be transferred from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to the General Land Office.

This action was taken under Section 14.04 of Article IX of the General Appropriations Act, which anticipates the need to make certain transfers of appropriated dollars when disaster strikes and the Legislature is not in session.

The transfer will have no effect on the daily operations of TDCJ as the Governor, House and Senate leadership made clear their intention to ensure the funding is restored before it is needed for the agency to complete Fiscal Year 2019.

[You can read the rest of the press release here.](#) You can also read the [entire letter](#) by downloading this PDF.

Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering (PREPS)

Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering (PREPS) supplements emergency sheltering when communities are faced with needs that significantly exceed existing capacity. Provides temporary repairs, such as water and power restoration, and allows homeowners to remain in their homes and their communities as they complete permanent repairs to their homes. Eligibility will be determined after individuals and households register.

- The GLO has initiated a push to get the PREPS program out to survivors. Information on this program may be found at the GLO's Texas Rebuilds website (texasrebuilds.com).
- Persons with questions about PREPS should call the GLO PREPS hotline: 1-888-610-1622
- GLO has been and continues to make calls, send emails, and send text messages to households eligible for the PREPS program. They will soon be sending out postcards to households they have not been able to reach by phone, email or text messaging. So survivors may expect to get calls, text messages, email and postcards from the GLO about participating in the PREPS program.
- Also, PREPS program staff and contractors will all be wearing bright yellow shirts and will have "Rebuild Texas" badges to verify they are part of this program.

Resilient Houston - Hazard Mitigation Workshop



Event Details

Wednesday, January 31st
6:00pm - 8:00pm

United Way of Greater Houston
50 Waugh Drive
Houston, Texas 77007
Free, On-Site Parking is Available

The City of Houston Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP) helps identify the needs within the City of Houston to reduce our community's risk to natural hazards, such as hurricanes, drought, flooding, and severe storms. The HMAP is updated every five years by a team of subject matter experts within the City, with input from the community, and is approved by the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

OEM is hosting a Workshop where you can:

Contribute written or in-person comment to the City's Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

- Assess your home's risk from flooding, wildfire, storm surge, and other natural hazards
- Speak one-on-one with representatives from various agencies (such as the National Weather Service, Houston Fire Department, Houston Public Works, Office of Emergency Management and more!)
- Learn more about steps you can take to reduce your family's risk.

If you need an accommodation to participate, such as ASL Interpretation, please fill out the RSVP form below.

[To find more information about the event, including RSVP information, follow this link.](#)

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.

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
	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>	16	17	18	19 Confederate Heroes Day	20 FamilyTime Hearts of Gold Gala
	Lake Houston Pachyderm Club - Judicial				LHACC Annual Awards Extravaganza	

	Forum					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Com mission on Public School Finance Meeting	KARW - CD 2 Forum		Hazard Mitigation Outreach (Atascocita Lowe's 8a-6p)	HLSR Boots and Buckles Ball
			"The Big YEPowski" After Hours event			Hazard Mitigation Outreach (Atascocita Lowe's 8a-6p)
28	29	30	31			

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