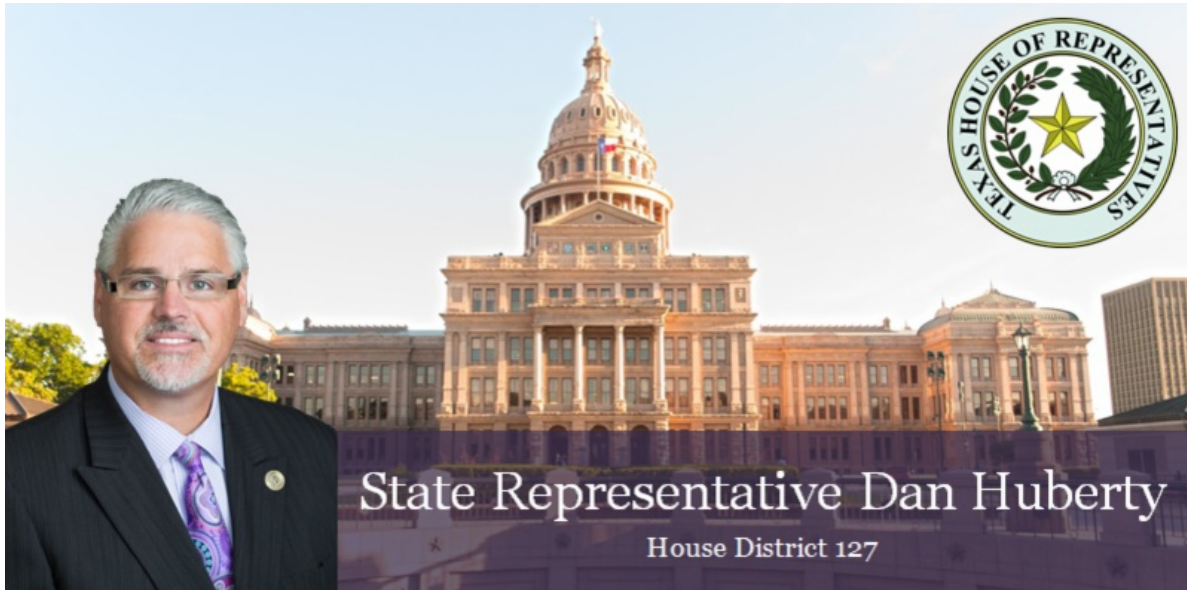


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February 2, 2018

Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter. This week was another busy one for our team.

Monday and Tuesday, I was in Austin to provide two legislative updates and also had the pleasure of watching Brianna and her high school choir perform at the same conference. In the district, my staff and I attended several meetings to discuss the ongoing Harvey recovery process and mitigation plans to prevent a similar incident.

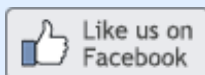
If you have any questions or concerns please be sure to call my offices. Their contact information can be found below. We are here to assist you in any way that you may need.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan'.

Dan Huberty



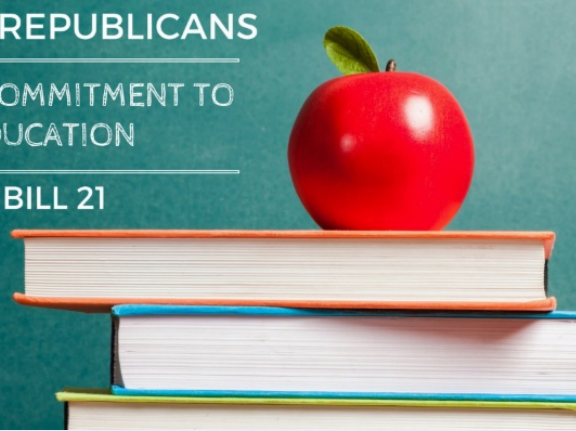
Austin Updates

Texas House Caucus Update: HB 21

TEXAS HOUSE REPUBLICANS

HONOR TEXAS' COMMITMENT TO
PUBLIC EDUCATION

HOUSE BILL 21



Prior to the 86th Legislative Session beginning in 2019, Texas House Republicans will continue to work to make sure Texas honors its commitments to public education by studying further the issue of school finance. As of 2017, the State of Texas has endured approximately 50 years of back and forth between the legislature and the courts with regard to public school finance.

The most recent ruling, during the summer of 2016, came after the reconsideration of *Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition v. Morath*. Originally the lower court ruled Texas's school finance system *unconstitutional*; however, the Texas Supreme Court deemed the system *constitutional*. Justice Don Willett issued the court's 100-page opinion, outlining the difference between constitutionality and need for change: "Our Byzantine school funding system is undeniably imperfect, with immense room for improvement, but satisfies minimum constitutional requirements," adding that the Legislature should create, "transformational top to bottom reforms that amount to more than a Band-Aid fix."

Legislation from the 85th Sessions

Senate Bill 1

- Maintains full funding of enrollment growth.
- Additional \$75 million for districts experiencing rapid property value decreases (overlaps with ASATR districts).
- Maintains \$47.5 million for the New Instructional Facilities Allotment.
- Provides \$25 million for E-Rate, which will bring high-speed broadband to public schools; an additional \$1m is provided to public libraries for this same purpose.
- \$1.58 billion in prekindergarten funding.

House Bill 21

- Provides a total of \$311 million for the 2018-2019 biennium:
 - \$150 million for the Hardship Grant, a glide path to help school districts with financial hardship and the expiration of Additional State Aid for Tax Relief (ASATR);
 - \$60 million for the buy down of the Existing Debt Allotment (EDA);
 - \$60 million for Charter Facilities Funding for qualifying charter schools; and
 - \$41 million for the Small District Adjustment to include districts that are under 300 square miles.
- Adds an additional \$212 million to buy down premiums for TRS-Care or to assist those under TRS-Care in caring for their adult dependents with special needs.
- Sets aside \$40 million from the Foundation School Program (FSP) to establish innovative grant programs for students with autism and students with dyslexia.
- Provides the framework to establish the Texas Commission on Public School Finance.
 - The commission will include 13 members and will study the issue over the interim before making their recommendations on the following topics to the legislature by December 31, 2018:
 - The purpose of the public school finance system and the relationship between state and local funding in that system;
 - The appropriate levels of taxes for local maintenance and operations, plus interest and sinking funds, necessary to implement a public school finance system that complies with the requirements under the Texas Constitution; and
 - Policy changes to the public school finance system necessary to adjust

Aftermath

By the end of 2017, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker had named their appointees to the commission. The commission's first meeting took place on January 23rd in Austin and they will meet again on February 8th.

District 127 Updates

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Humble ISD Distinguished Alumni Award



Humble ISD Education Foundation is seeking Distinguished Alumni Award nominations for alumni who graduated in 1997 or prior. The award will recognize individuals who have excelled in their field, made significant contributions to the community and served as a positive role model and leader.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Distinguished Alumni Award is to honor deserving Humble Independent School District alumni who have excelled in their field, made significant contributions to their community, and served as a positive role model and leader. The goal of this recognition program is to showcase the accomplishments of Humble ISD Alumni.

GUIDELINES: Nominees must be an alumnus of Humble ISD. Nominees must have graduated at least 20 years prior which would include graduates of Humble High School/Charles Bender, Kingwood High School and Quest Early College High School from 1997 and earlier. Nominees must meet the criteria for recognition as stated in the purpose. Award selection is based on quality of application. All nominations are subject to verification.

RECOGNITION:

Humble ISD Distinguished Award will be recognized at the Foundation Gala on April 13, 2018. Award recipients will be notified by March 9, 2018

[Nominations can be submitted online by clicking here.](#)

Nominations are due by: Friday, February 23rd, 2018

You can also mail your completed [nomination form](#) to Humble ISD Education Foundation, Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee, P.O. Box 2105, Humble, TX 77347. For more information visit the website at Humbleisdoundation.org

Hurricane Harvey Recovery Resources

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT WHICH FEMA HOUSING OPTION YOU MIGHT BE QUALIFIED FOR?



CALL THE GLO
HARVEY HOTLINE

1-888-958-0877



Direct Housing Programs:

- Direct Leasing
- Multi-Family Lease and Repair
- Manufactured Housing Unit or Recreational Vehicle
- Direct Assistance for Limited Home Repair

To read more about each program, click the following link:

<http://texasrebuilds.com/individuals/short-term-housing/index.html>

To see January 25, 2018 housing numbers, click the following link:

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/recovery/files/01-25-2018-housing-dashboard-report.pdf>

Private Nonprofit Houses of Worship: Public Assistance Deadline

On January 2, 2018, FEMA issued guidance to consider private nonprofit (PNP) Houses of Worship as potential eligible applicants under the Public Assistance Grant program. [Click here to read the letter.](#)

As it relates to Hurricane Harvey, for Houses of Worship, FEMA is allowing a 30-day application period beginning 05 January 2018 with applications accepted until 04 February 2018 at 11:59 PM CST. Houses of Worship that would like to apply for Public Assistance must first submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) form (attached to this email). The RPA form can be sent to TDEMrecovery.rpa@dps.texas.gov.

The February 4, 2018, deadline is only a few days away, and we want to be sure people are informed. Questions may be directed to your region's [TDEM Recovery representative](#).

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](#).

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>

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

February 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	2 KARW Mardi Gras Ball Humble ISD BBQ Cook-Off	3 Humble ISD BBQ Cook-Off
4	5 Last Day to Register to Vote	6	7	8 Commission on Public School Finance Hearing	9 Humble ISD Livestock Auction Humble ISD Rodeo	10 Humble ISD Rodeo

11	12 Lincoln's Birthday Humble Area Retired Teachers Meeting Lake Houston Pachyderm Club Meeting	13	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Lake Houston YMCA BridgeFest
18	19 President's Day Iwo Jima Day State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day	20 Early Voting	21 Early Voting	22 Washington's Birthday Early Voting Commission on Public School Finance Hearing	23 Early Voting	24 Early Voting
25 Early Voting	26 Early Voting	27 Early Voting	28 Early Voting			

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