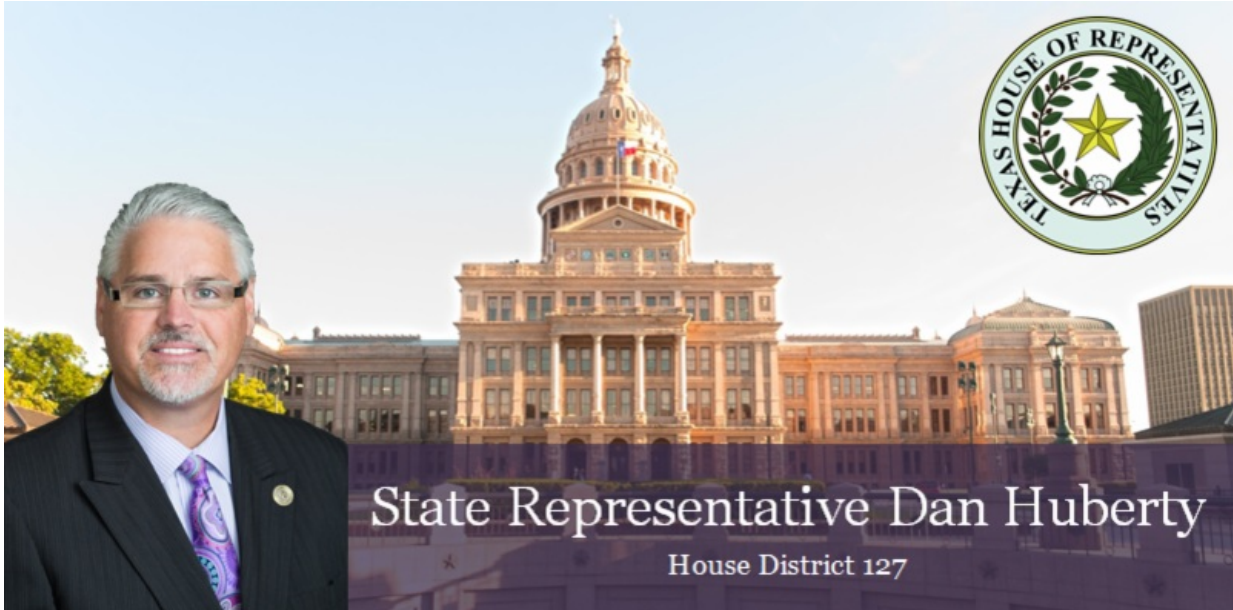


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April 6, 2018

Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter. I hope that you and your family had a great Easter holiday. My family truly enjoyed celebrating with our fellow parishioners at St. Martha's Catholic Church.

This month's edition of the newsletter contains an updated April 2018 calendar, information about new I-69 road closures, Hurricane Harvey recovery resources and much more, so be sure to keep reading to stay current on these important matters.

This week, I was in Austin for another meeting for the Commission on Public School Finance. We discussed various topics including revenue streams and options for supplementing the school finance system in the future. Remember, if you'd like to offer comment to all of the commission members about anything you hear in the meetings, please email us at schoolfinancecommission@tea.texas.gov. You can also watch the archived broadcast of the feed [here](#). Be sure to tune in for the next commission meeting on April 19 at 9 am. You can find more information about that meeting by downloading my April calendar below.

I also want to make sure that you are aware that the Texas Education Agency has released a draft of its corrective action plan for the special education program in the state. The agency will be having public meetings where you can express your ideas and concerns later this month. You will be able to read more about the meetings below.

My staff is hard at work crafting legislation for the upcoming Legislative Session, so I want to remind you that now is the time to send your ideas to us. You can use the contact information at the bottom of this newsletter to contact me and my team.

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

Sincerely,



April 2018 Calendar

Download my April 2018 calendar by clicking the link below. This month is full of events in and around Texas that could be fun or useful to you and your family! This new format allows you to save the document for printing or sending to your family members.



[Click Here to View and Download This Month's Calendar!](#)

District 127 Updates

I-69 Closures and Emergency Repairs - Updated

Please see below for details of MAJOR closures that will further facilitate the emergency repairs for the IH 69 Southbound Mainlanes Bridge at the San Jacinto River, near Kingwood/Humble. The attached graphic reflects the final configuration required to complete the repairs.

Motorists should expect delays and are strongly encouraged to seek alternate routes.

TxDOT is continually partnering with our contractor as we work towards a goal of completing the emergency repairs as quickly as possible.

These closures have been input into the TxDOT PIO system and can be found at www.houstontranstar.org.

1. I-69 Eastex northbound entrance ramp from FM 1960/Townsen: Total closure continuously through 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 12, 2018.. Detour northbound on the frontage road to the entrance ramp from Sorters McClellan Rd.
2. I-69 Eastex northbound mainlanes between FM 1960 to Kingwood Dr.: Two left lanes closed continuously through 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 12, 2018 . Three mainlanes will remain open.
3. I-69 Eastex southbound entrance ramp from Kingwood Dr.: Total closure continuously through 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 12, 2018. Detour southbound on the frontage road to the entrance ramp from Townsen Blvd.
4. I-69 Eastex southbound frontage road between Kingwood Dr. and Sorters McClellan Rd.: One Left lane closed continuously through 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 12, 2018.
5. I-69 Eastex southbound mainlanes between Kingwood Dr. and FM 1960: Two Right lanes closed continuously through 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 12, 2018. Three mainlanes will remain open.
6. I-69 Eastex southbound exit ramp to FM 1960: Total closure continuously through 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 12, 2018. Detour southbound on the mainlanes to the exit ramp to Sorters McClellan Rd./Townsen/FM 1960. Follow the Southbound Frontage Rd. to Sorters McClellan Rd., Townsen or FM 1960.
7. I-69 Eastex HOV/Express Lanes between Kingwood Dr. and the Townsen Park & Ride: Total closure continuously through 4:00 AM on Monday, August 13, 2018. Southbound Detour via the entrance from the Townsen Park and Ride. Northbound Detour via the exit at the Townsen Park and Ride.
8. I-69 Eastex southbound frontage road between Sorters McClellan Rd. and Townsen: Two Left lanes closed daily between 4:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Saturday, April 7, 2018 and Sunday April 8, 2018. At least one lane will remain open. However, expect brief intermittent closures of that open lane.
9. I-69 Eastex Turnaround Road from W. Hamblen Rd to Hamblen Rd: Total closure daily between 4:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Saturday, April 7, 2018 and Sunday April 8, 2018. Detour from Hamblin Rd: Northbound on Loop 494 to Kingwood Dr.; Detour from McClellan Rd: Southbound on the Southbound Frontage Rd. to FM 1960.

All closures are subject to cancellation or modification due to adverse weather. For more information please call the TxDOT Public Information Office at 713.802.5076.



Hurricane Harvey Recovery Resources and Updates

SJRA Welcomes Chuck Gilman as Director of Flood Management

The San Jacinto River Authority is pleased to announce that Charles R. “Chuck” Gilman, Jr., P.E., is joining the Authority as its new Director of Flood Management. Chuck has over 20 years of experience in the field of civil engineering and public administration and is highly-respected among his peers for his knowledge, leadership, and integrity.



“We are extremely pleased to be adding someone of Chuck’s caliber and experience to our management team to help us address the most pressing challenge of our region,” noted Jace Houston, SJRA’s general manager. “Chuck will add immediate leadership and value.”

Jason Stuebe, city manager for the City of Humble, agreed with Houston’s assessment. “This is great news! I worked with Chuck throughout my career in College Station, and he is not only a phenomenal engineer and a great person for this job, but someone who I think will really understand the flooding issues facing our region and be able to help develop meaningful solutions.”

[You can read more from the SJRA's press release announcing the new hire here.](#)

Austin Updates

Texas Dept. of State Health Services - April 2018 Newsletter

The Texas Department of State Health Services released its April 2018 newsletter.

In this document, you can read about free

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DSHS Lab In-Depth: Celebrating 90 Years!
Congratulations to Texas' public health laboratory for celebrating its 90th birthday!
In the past months, the DSHS newsletter has featured different aspects of this critical public health resource. This month, the lab's 90th anniversary will be celebrated from April 22-28, during National Medical Professionals Laboratory Week.
Over the next few weeks, DSHS will be pushing out educational messages about the importance of public health laboratories and DSHS Laboratory's long history. Please follow DSHS on social media for information that may be shared with constituents.

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You can also check out the [DSHS homepage](#), to learn more interesting facts about the laboratory departments and about activities that will take place for this celebratory month!

DSHS Government Affairs is always available to help set up tours of the laboratory for Texas legislators and their staff. If you are interested, please contact DSHSGovAffairs@dshs.texas.gov.

Ongoing Disease Investigations

Beaumont TB Investigation, Jefferson County

- An individual with active tuberculosis may have exposed West Brook High School students and school staff to TB.
- DSHS is providing logistical, planning, and disease expertise assistance to the Beaumont Public Health Department.
- Almost 200 people will need to be tested for tuberculosis at least once; testing began the last week of March.
- The "index" patient is taking precautions and medication to treat and contain the illness.

Texas City & Galveston Blood-borne Pathogen Transmission Investigation, Galveston County

- An investigation is underway regarding Immediate Threat to Life findings at FGCH locations in Texas City and Galveston.
- Relates to infection control and sterilization of primarily dental instruments.
- Patients since 2015 could be impacted, so up to 9,500 patients in 32 jurisdictions could require testing.
- Testing began March 26th, as well as public health counseling for individuals about the risks.

DSHS Grand Rounds
Don't miss the free continuing education DSHS Grand Rounds presentations during the Spring semester, from 11:00-12:30 p.m. in the M100 Conference Room, located in Austin, in the Moreton building (see [Calendar](#), [Contact Us](#), [map](#)), and via live webinar.

First, Do No Harm: Talking with Children and Families About Making Healthy Changes
Presenter: [Cynthia L. Williams, MD, MPH](#)

Things You May Not Know About Rabies, but Should
Presenter: [Laura S. Williams, DVM, MS](#), [Hanna J. Wilson, MD, LVT, MCEP](#)

Utilizing Health Workers to Combat Hypertension in Northwest Texas
Presenters: [Paul Manning, DO, MPH](#), [Paula Hines, PhD](#), [Tom Bathy, MPH, CHW, CHWS](#), [Bongani Adetunji, MD](#)

Evidence-based Approaches to Treating Opioid Use Disorders
Presenter: [Paul Fitzwater, MD](#), [Katie Schuman](#)

Tuberculosis - The Challenges to Outsmarting this Disease
Presenter: [Patricia Seaworth, MD, FIDSA, FACP](#)

Why the Death Certificate Really is a Vital Statistic
Presenter: [Dale H. Hays, MD, MPH, MHS](#), [Dale Hays, MD](#)

For more information about each topic, how to register, and frequently asked questions, please click on these links: [GRAND ROUNDS HOME & REGISTRATION OPTIONS](#)

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opportunities for you and your family to learn important life saving information.

DSHS is also seeking input on pieces of legislation and has several open meetings coming up. You can also learn about World Immunization Week occurring April 24-30. Be sure to mark your calendars!

By clicking the newsletter image, you can also read more about ongoing investigations into diseases that are both in Jefferson and Galveston Counties.

TEA to Host Two Public Hearings for SPED



The Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced that it will host two public hearings to accept comments on its comprehensive draft strategic plan for special education.

The first public hearing will take place on **Thursday, April 12, at Education Service Center Region 1, 1900 West Schunior, in Edinburg.**

The second public hearing will take place on **Monday, April 16, at Education Service Center Region 10, 400 East Spring Valley Road, in Richardson.**

Participants will register onsite for each hearing beginning at 12:30 p.m. Speaker registration will end at 1 p.m. Both public hearings are set to begin at 1 p.m.

Speakers will be called in the order in which they registered. To accommodate as many people as possible, each registered speaker will be allotted three minutes. The public hearing will continue until all registered speakers have spoken or through 3 p.m. (whichever comes first). The hearings will be recorded and transcriptions posted publicly.

TEA's draft strategic plan, regarding the support and delivery of special education services in our state's public schools, reflects steps the agency is considering undertaking – beyond what is being required by the U.S. Department of Education, as outlined in a recent federal monitoring report.

Those unable to attend either public hearing can still submit electronic comments on the comprehensive draft strategic plan for special education. Comments can be submitted by email at TexasSPED@TEA.texas.gov. Electronic comments will be accepted through noon on Wednesday, April 18.

A final response to the federal monitoring report will be sent to the U.S. Department of Education later this month. To review the draft strategic plan or to learn more about the public hearings visit the TEA website at <https://tea.texas.gov/TexasSPED>.

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 fathered 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. Click the image below to find our page.



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