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Sent: Monday, March 25, 2013 10:01 AM
To:
Subject: SBS Call to Action - We need your help TODAY!

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... to make our voices heard in Austin.

Dear *Spring Branch Speaks* Member:

Tomorrow a major education bill will be considered by the House of Representatives. House Bill 5 (HB5) is a comprehensive bill addressing accountability and graduation requirements. It includes 5 End of course tests for graduation (English 2 Reading; English 2 Writing; Algebra I; Biology and US History), favorable changes to graduation plans that include far more course options, and a revised school accountability system requiring variables other than standardized assessments.

This bill offers a significant improvement over the status quo. Supporting HB5 is an important step, keeping the momentum for decreasing the number of State-required standardized tests in our schools.

Please take a few minutes TODAY to contact our SBISD delegation in the House of Representatives (list below). Ask them to:

- 1. VOTE YES on HB5**
- 2. Support any amendments that decrease the number of tests given to our students, whether mandatory or optional.**

SBISD House Delegation

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Thank you for your time supporting our neighborhood schools.

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P.S. We anticipate the Senate could consider similar education legislation on Thursday. We will let you know if we have another opportunity to weigh-in later this week.



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Parent-organized community outreach with SBISD in mind.

Spring Branch ISD educates a diverse community of 34,000 students on 46 campuses, including 57% economically disadvantaged students and 33% limited-English-proficient (ESL) students.

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Legislative Committee:

David Davenport	Angela Martinez Gallagher
Pam Goodson	Darci Hubbard
Susan Kellner	Karen Peck
Emily Van Buren	Chris Vierra

