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## Spring Branch Speaks

### ... to make our voices heard in Austin.

Dear *Spring Branch Speaks* Member:

As expected, the Senate will consider two key education bills tomorrow, Wednesday March 27, 2013:

- **Senate Bill 3** (SB3) outlines new graduation plans that give our students more flexibility when choosing coursework and electives. It does not include significant changes to the current testing system.
- **Senate Bill 1724** (SB1724), similar to HB5, reduces the number of required end-of-course exams from 15 to 5: English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History and eliminates the 15% grade and cumulative score requirement.

**Lobbying continues to keep a large number of End-of-Course Exams (EOCs); your voice is needed today. Please contact our SBISD Senate delegation and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst TODAY (list below). Ask them to:**

1. **VOTE YES on SB3 & SB1724**
2. **OPPOSE amendments that increase the number of EOCs to more than 5, whether mandated for graduation or "diagnostic"**
3. **OPPOSE amendments that change the required EOC subjects from what is currently included in SB1724,**
4. **OPPOSE amendments that decrease graduation plan flexibility.**

#### **SBISD Senate Delegation**

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Thank you again for your quick work!

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