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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.

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Thank you again for your quick work!

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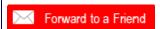
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Parent-organized community outreach with SBISD in mind.

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.

(Forward this email to your family and friends - ask them to join, too: <a href="https://www.SpringBranchSpeaks.com">www.SpringBranchSpeaks.com</a>)





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