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## Spring Branch Speaks

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

Dear ***Spring Branch Speaks*** Member:

The legislative session ends in just 26 days. Key legislation, including testing in our public schools, will be voted on during these final days. Our energy and voices will need to be stronger than ever throughout the coming weeks.

Right now, HB 5 - the bill that eliminates 2/3 of the End-of-Course (EOC) tests, reducing the number from 15 to 5, and offers more flexible graduation plans for high school students - is eligible to be heard at any time by the full Senate and is just waiting to be called up for a vote by Senator Patrick and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst.

As our students continue taking STAAR EOC tests next week, please let Lt. Gov. Dewhurst and our SBISD Senators know that the testing debacle **MUST BE FIXED THIS SESSION**. We, as parents and voters, will accept nothing less.

#### **CALL TO ACTION:**

**1.) Contact Lt. Gov. Dewhurst** at (512) 463-0001 or <http://www.ltgov.state.tx.us/contact.php> and **ask him to allow HB 5 on the Senate floor for a vote immediately**, independent of any other education bills that are being heard in the House or Senate.  
*and*

**2.) Ask our local delegation of Senators to approve HB 5 with NO MORE THAN 5 EOCs:**  
**Senator Dan Patrick** [dan.patrick@senate.state.tx.us](mailto:dan.patrick@senate.state.tx.us) (512) 463-0107  
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Thank you in advance for your willingness to support your children through legislative action as the session - and school year - moves to a close. Let's make our collective voice the strongest yet in support of our students and SBISD schools.

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