
From: Spring Branch Speaks <updates@springbranchspeaks.com>
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 8:15 AM
To:
Subject: SBS: 4 URGENT Calls Needed THIS MORNING BEFORE 11AM

Spring Branch Speaks

... to make our voices heard in Austin.

Dear *Spring Branch Speaks* Member:

Please see the attached email from TAMSA (Texans Advocating for Meaningful Student Assessment), who are asking for parents and voters to contact Senate leadership THIS MORNING about House Bill 5, which decreases End-of-Course (EOC) tests from 15 to 5 and offers more flexible graduation plans for high school students.

This past Friday, SBISD's Senator Dan Patrick attempted to present HB 5 to the full Senate for a vote. After 6 hours of back room lobbying by the Gov. and Lt. Gov. to add more End-of-Course exams (EOCs) to the bill, the Democratic Senators asked Lt. Gov. Dewhurst to postpone HB 5's hearing until today, Monday, May 6th. We hear the Senate could hear HB 5 first thing this morning, and that Sen. Tommy Williams from The Woodlands intends to offer a BAD amendment that adds more EOCs.

We hope you will add your voice and weigh in on this issue this morning.

Sincerely,

Spring Branch Speaks

From: Texans Advocating For Meaningful Student Assessment

Date: May 6, 2013

Fwd: TAMSA: 4 URGENT Calls Needed THIS MORNING BEFORE 11AM



TEXANS ADVOCATING FOR
MEANINGFUL STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Dear TAMSA Members:

REMINDER: **Please make the following 4 calls today before 11 AM** in support of House Bill 5* and a limit of 5 EOCs.

1) CALL YOUR SENATOR ([click here](#) to find your Senator's number) and ask that he/she:

- Tell Lt. Gov. Dewhurst that HB 5 has to be voted on TODAY, AS IS, with no more than 5 EOCs.
- Vote YES to HB 5 with NO MORE THAN 5 EOCs.
- Vote NO on any amendment that adds more EOCs to HB 5.

2) CALL LT. GOV. DEWHURST (512) 463-0001 and ask that he:

- Allows HB 5 be voted out of the Senate TODAY, AS IS, WITH NO MORE THAN 5 EOCs.

3) CALL GOV. PERRY (512) 463-2000 and ask that his office:

- Stops standing in the way of the Senate hearing HB 5 AS IS.
- Stops playing politics with our children!

4) CALL SEN. WILLIAMS (512) 463-0104 and ask that he:

- Not offer any amendments that increase the number of EOCs to more than 5, whether mandatory or optional.

If you have an extra minute, please email us at boardmember@tamsatx.org or post on our Facebook page tamsatx and let us know what Senator you called so we know who has been called across the state.

House Bill 5 decreases End-of-course (EOC) tests from 15 to 5 and offers more flexible graduation plans for high school students. Click [here](#) to see a graphic on the steps that HB 5 must take to become law.

Thank you.

TAMSA



TAMSA's mission is to improve public education in Texas through the use of meaningful and effective student assessments that allow for more productive classroom instruction and more efficient use of public funds.

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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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