



## SBISD Will Host

### Legislative Town Hall Meeting

SBISD will host a special Legislative Town Hall meeting beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24. Please make sure to join us.

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## A Budget Message from SBISD

*We want to share with you the following budget message which Dr. Klussmann shared with our staff earlier today. We will continue to keep you informed and updated as the Legislative session in Austin unfolds.*

Dear Members of the SBISD Family,

Several weeks ago, I sent you our first update on the state budget situation. As you will recall, the Appropriations Committee in the House of Representatives issued their first budget draft that included a \$10 billion reduction in funding to public education.

Since that time, the Senate Finance Committee released their draft budget, and it included similar reductions in public education spending. We are hopeful that the state will use some options available to them to close a portion of the deficit (using Rainy Day funds, moving payments forward a month, etc.), but the fact remains that there will still be a significant budget deficit affecting public education in Texas.

#### What does this mean to Spring Branch ISD?

- With a \$5 billion loss in state spending for public education, SBISD would lose \$20 million.
- If spending falls by \$7.5 billion, we project \$30 million less for SBISD.
- If the Legislature should cut public education spending by \$10 billion, our projection is that we would have \$40 million less to operate our system each year.

The total operating budget in Spring Branch at this time is \$253 million. As you can see from the numbers listed above, these types of reductions in spending at the state level could result in losses ranging from 8% to 15% of our total operating budget.

As a result, we have been examining every line item in our budget to determine how we would make the necessary reductions in spending to be able to operate on fewer dollars from the state. However, I do not anticipate having enough solid information out of Austin until late in March to be able to start finalizing the level of reductions in spending we will need in SBISD to meet budget expectations.

It is important to remember that payroll costs make up over 85% of our budget, and we have more than 4,700 employees. I believe it is inevitable that we will have fewer positions in the system next year than we have this year. We are working hard to find a way to absorb as many of these reductions through attrition; however, this will be a challenge.

I want to thank the more than 100 employees who took advantage of the Early Notification of Resignation/Retirement Stipend. This is very helpful in planning for the reductions we will have to make in the system.

Despite the budget issues in front of us, more than 32,000 students will walk into Spring Branch ISD classrooms next year expecting the same high quality education that they are receiving today. Together, we will do everything we can to continue to provide a quality education even with fewer dollars from the state.

Sincerely,

Duncan Klussmann