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## Spring Branch Speaks

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

#### **We want more people to join us in Austin!**

These are the final 2 ½ weeks of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session. As the work on our state budget continues, it is crucial that we express our expectations to our State Representatives and Senators: keep the cuts to education at the Senate levels, and make the distribution of cuts as even district-to-district as possible. Right now, as the House of Representatives and Senate start the work of negotiating a budget both agree on, there are versions of the education funding that cut SBISD more than other districts. We must speak up if we want to keep our neighborhood schools from shouldering more of the budget cuts than other districts' schools.

On **Wednesday, May 18th, Spring Branch Speaks members will travel to Austin** to deliver our messages to lawmakers in person. The power of this trip is in the numbers: we want to show our legislators a large group - with a couple designated spokespersons - so they see that our residents are not only paying attention to, but are invested in, the outcomes of this legislative session.

The more parents and residents that join us, the stronger our voice will be.

Please join us; take a day off from work, work with friends and neighbors to arrange childcare if necessary. Ten hours of your time can be crucial in our fight to retain funding for SBISD.

We plan to leave around 6:30 AM from the SBISD Administrative building, 955 Campbell Road, and return around 4:30 PM. Transportation will depend on the number of people who respond. Instructions on how to best support our messages in Austin will be forwarded to members who participate.

**If you can join us in Austin, please RSVP via email to [updates@springbranchspeaks.com](mailto:updates@springbranchspeaks.com) by May 13. Include your name, email, cell number, school(s), and address. Final details will be sent a few days before the trip.**

Thank you again. We hope you join us on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

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