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## Spring Branch Speaks ... to make our voices heard in Austin.

**Our lawmakers vote tomorrow (Sunday) on final education funding...we need 10 more minutes of your time as this vote approaches.**

Last night (Friday) the conference committee completed their negotiations about allocating education funds. In the end, they decided to "split the difference" and crafted a new two-year funding arrangement that uses the Eissler Plan - which applies cuts equally across all districts - in 2011/2012, and the Shapiro SB 22 plan - weighted cuts district-to-district - in 2012/2013. This plan also defers a long-term redesign of education funding into the next Legislative session, which begins in January, 2013.

**The bill (SB 1811) containing this negotiated allocation will go before the House and Senate TOMORROW (Sunday) for a Yes/No vote.**

What does this mean to SBISD? Next year, the district would lose 6% of their current budget, and in 2012/2013 the loss would increase to 9%. While not our first choice, this solution is manageable. The difficult cuts announced in April and a portion of the district savings will be sufficient to meet the budget shortfall over the next two years.

**We must ask our local Representatives and Senators to support this bill tomorrow, Sunday.** Otherwise, the Governor will likely call a special session to resolve the allocation of education funding, and SBISD will be face further uncertainty and could be exposed to even larger cuts.

### **CALL TO ACTION:**

**Please email the following representatives, and in your own words ask that they vote YES on the fiscal matters bill SB 1811.**

Sen. Joan Huffman	Joan.Huffman@senate.state.tx.us	512-463-0117
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Thank you for taking time out of your holiday weekend to support SBISD!

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