

Dear Parents or Guardians,

The A+ Education Reform Act of 2000 established school councils for the purpose of improving communication and participation of parents and the community within the schools. The intent of school councils is to bring communities and schools closer together in a spirit of cooperation to solve difficult education problems, improve academic achievement, provide support for teachers and administrators, and bring parents into the school-based decision-making process.

Parents or guardians of children who are enrolled in Houston County High School are eligible for membership on the school council. Employees in the school who are also parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school are excluded from serving as a parent or guardian representative. Such employees with children in another school are eligible to serve on that school's council as a parent or guardian representative. Members of the school council must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

School councils are organized to provide advice and recommendations to the school principal and where necessary to the area assistant superintendent, superintendent, and local board of education. Among issues that the council will advise and determine recommendations include but are not limited to the following:

- *Student attendance and academic achievement
- *Consolidated Local Improvement Plans
- *Report cards issued or audits of the school conducted by the Office of Student Achievement
- *School budget priorities, including school capital improvement plans
- *School-community communication strategies
- *Methods of involving parents and the community
- *Extracurricular activities in the school
- *Student discipline
- *The method and specifications for the delivery of early intervention services or other appropriate services for underachieving students
- *School board policies
- *Curriculum and assessments
- *Development of a school profile which shall contain data as identified by the council to describe the academic performance, academic progress, services, awards, interventions, environment and other data the council deems appropriate
- *School-based and community services
- *Community use of school facilities
- *Reports from the principal regarding progress toward the school's student achievement goals, including progress within specific grade levels and subject areas and by school personnel

Houston County High School will conduct parent/guardian elections on **August 24, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the main cafeteria for the purpose of electing two parent or guardian members of the school council. We will use the main cafeteria in an effort to social distance appropriately. The door entering from the bus ramp will be open for you to access the main cafeteria.** At least one of the two parent or guardian members must also be a businessperson. No prior nominations will be accepted. No self-nominations will be accepted. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting, provided that the nominee has given prior consent for their name to be placed in nomination. Parents/Guardians must be present and qualified to vote. No proxy votes will be allowed. Parent/Guardian election meetings will use the plurality method of election. Each of these parents will serve as members for two years.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the election.

Sincerely,
Doug Rizer
Principal
Houston County High School