

SDMC Agenda
March 31, 2016

- Approve meeting minutes from February meeting
- Highlighting Cultures – monthly celebrations
- School Waivers for 2016 – 2017
- Budget Updates
- New Business

**ROBERTS ELEMENTARY
SDMC MEETING
MINUTES**

March 31, 2016

Meeting start time: 3:45 p.m.

Members in attendance: Trealla Epps, Stephanie Walton, Michelle Turek, Chase May, Carol Rivers, Tom Shahriari, Cathy Reyes, Kayla Proch, Jennifer Heemer, May Wu, Aliya Walji, Valerie Thompson, Camille Jenman

- 1) The agenda for today's SDMC meeting was presented and approved.
- 2) The February SDMC minutes was presented and approved.
- 3) Ms. Epps discussed the International Holiday/Roberts Celebration calendar. The discussion included:
 - a) Starting our celebrations with Heritage months and then going deeper into holidays such as Chinese New Year
 - b) Many holidays to pick and choose- make sure we select a well-rounded amount
 - c) Discussed the potential to have weekly celebrations to include more cultures
 - d) Mr. Shahriari shared that we should celebrate by geographic region
 - i) Native American
 - ii) Hispano-Portuguese America
 - iii) Australia and Oceania
 - iv) Europe
 - v) N. Africa and Middle East
 - vi) Sub Saharan Africa
 - vii) Central and East Asia
 - viii) South Asia
 - (1) India
 - (2) Pakistan
 - (3) Indonesia
 - (4) Malaysia
 - (5) Sri Lanka
 - (6) Burma
 - e) Ms. Epps asked the teachers to take the plan back to their teams and prepare to discuss at next SDMC meeting
- 4) Other SDMC discussions included:
 - a) School Waivers
 - i) Eligible to review waivers and remove/add waivers for the next school year
 - ii) SDMC voted on the following waivers:
 - (1) SDMC instead of FAC
 - (2) Promotion standard all in favor not to reapply
 - (3) Early dismissal days- district dates all in favor
 - (4) Exempt from HISD curriculum due to IB- all in favor
 - (5) Early dismissal 1 day a week- all in favor to not have this waiver
 - b) Budget
 - i) All district discussions have been tabled until further notice

5) No new business was requested

Meeting end time: 4:25 pm

Celebrate Cultural Heritage Months

Use these special features to celebrate cultural heritage months.

Hispanic Heritage Month — September 15 to October 15



¡Que Viva el Mariachi!

MUSIC, MEANING, AND MOVIMIENTO

Mexican mariachi music is made to move you. It is direct, driving, and designed to instill emotion...



Latino Chicago

MUSIC AND COMMUNITY

The Latino presence in Metropolitan Chicago offers us a distinctive window into Latino culture in the United States...



La Nueva Canción

THE NEW SONG MOVEMENT IN SOUTH AMERICA

The 1970 victory of the Popular Unity government led by Salvador Allende...



Música Latina

SOUNDS OF LATINO USA

Latin America, including Latino communities in the United States, is one of the most diverse, dynamic musical...



Puerto Rican Bomba and Plena

SHARED TRADITIONS—DISTINCT RHYTHMS

Bomba and *plena* are percussion-driven musical traditions from Puerto Rico that move people to dance...



A Midnight Serenade

MUSIC FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

During my fieldwork in the Dominican Republic, ongoing battles against the local "crazy ants" (so called...



Tradiciones/Traditions

THE EXPANDING UNIVERSE OF MÚSICA LATINA

Over forty-five million people of Hispanic descent call the United States home...

American Indian Heritage Month — November



In Our Own Voice

SONGS OF AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN

Very little is known and appreciated about American Indian women's songs and voices, even among people who are familiar...



From the Andes to the Arctic

EXPLORING INDIAN HERITAGE

Smithsonian Folkways offers many archival recordings of American Indian music, as well as contemporary pieces...

Black History Month — February



Say it Loud

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPOKEN WORD

The spoken word occupies a central and indispensable position in African American history and culture...



Voices of Struggle

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

We honor African-American history and music with a look at the profound cultural contribution of the Civil Rights...

Women's History Month — March



In Our Own Voice

SONGS OF AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN

Very little is known and appreciated about American Indian women's songs and voices, even among people who are familiar...



Women Breaking Music Barriers

SHE ISN'T SUPPOSED TO PLAY THAT

Although recordings by women fill the archives of Smithsonian Folkways, gender discrimination and...

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month — May



Connecting Cultures

MUSIC OF THE MEKONG RIVER

Like the Yangtze, the Nile, and the Mississippi, the Mekong River in Southeast Asia is a giver of life...



Na Leo Hawai'i

MUSICS OF HAWAII

Asians and Pacific Islanders make up the majority of the population of Hawai'i. Music has always played a central role...

Caribbean American Heritage Month — June



Puerto Rican Bomba and Plena

SHARED TRADITIONS—DISTINCT RHYTHMS

Bomba and *plena* are percussion-driven musical traditions from Puerto Rico that move people to dance...



Islands of Song

MUSIC OF THE BAHAMAS

For hundreds of years along the 700 scattered limestone islands in the Caribbean Sea that make up The Bahamas...



A Midnight Serenade

MUSIC FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

During my fieldwork in the Dominican Republic, ongoing battles against the local "crazy ants" (so called...

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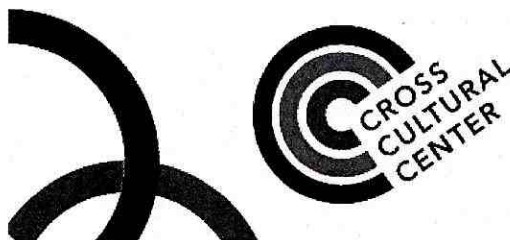
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Heritage Months and Holidays

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Please read below for more details on commonly practiced cultural and ethnic heritage months.

September

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each September 15 - October 15 in the United States of America to recognize the contributions made by people of Hispanic descent and to celebrate Hispanic culture. Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15 because it is the anniversary of 5 Latin American countries' Independence Day: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

October

German American Heritage Month: Beginning on October 6, 1987 as German American Day, the culture and achievement of Americans of German descent is now celebrated during a month-long period between. Established in 1995, German American Heritage Month spans these dates so as to encompass festivals like Oktoberfest and Steuben parades.

Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender History Month is celebrated in October. The month of October was chosen because National Coming Out Day (October 11) was already established and a widely known event. LGBT History Month is intended to encourage honesty and openness about being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

Italian Heritage Month is set in October to coincide with Columbus Day. Italian Heritage Month celebrates the many achievements and successes of not only Americans of Italian descent, but also Italians living in America. America was named after an Italian (Amerigo Vespucci). It is also important to note that language plays a very large part of this celebration as it is thought of as an intrinsic part of Italian culture.

Polish American Heritage Month is celebrated each year in October to commemorate the contributions to American society made by those of Polish descent.

November

Native American Heritage Month was initially celebrated in 1916 by the state of New York. It was not until 1990 that then President George H.W. Bush established it as a month long festival. Not only does Native American Indian Heritage Month showcase the rich culture of the native people of this land, but also honors those American Indians that have suffered injustices. Therefore, we celebrate all Native Americans during the month of November.

December

AIDS Awareness Month: In December, we honor those who have become infected by the AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) virus by helping Americans become more aware of it. Caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), AIDS has killed more than 25 million people since 1981, not just in the United States, but all over the world.

World AIDS Day: Celebrated each December 1, World AIDS day is dedicated to raising awareness about the AIDS epidemic around the globe. AIDS has killed more than 25 million people becoming one of the worst epidemics man has ever faced.

January

Dr. Martin Luther King Day: On the third Monday of January each year, we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Day. Dr. Martin Luther King Day is the only national holiday commemorating the actions of an African-American. Originally petitioned to honor King's dedication to trade unions, it would be established on November 2, 1983 by Ronald Reagan.

February

Black History Month: Black History Month, also known as African-American History Month, is celebrated each February in the United States. Because of the timing of the birthdays of two very important individuals in the fight to end slavery, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, Black History Week was originally slated for the second week in February in 1926. In 1976 it was expanded to encompass the entire month of February to recognize the significant achievements made by the African-American community in all aspects of American society.

March

Women's History Month: Annually celebrated in March, Women's History Month acknowledges the many contributions women have made in America's rich past. From its beginnings as International Women's Day on March 8, 1911, it has been expanded twice by the United States Congress first as a weeklong celebration in 1981 and to its current month-long celebration in 1987.

Irish American History Month is celebrated every March. We honor the achievements made by Irish-Americans during this time. For many generations those of Irish heritage have contributed to our society. It is for this reason that we take pride in celebrating Irish culture.

April

Scottish American Heritage Month is celebrated in April. National Tartan Day, held each year on April 6 in the United States, celebrates the historical links between Scotland and North America and the contributions Scottish Americans have made to US history and society. Frequently, Scottish culture is celebrated through festivals known as Highland games. Various events include Whisky tastings, eating Haggis, Caber toss, Hammer throws, and traditional Scottish dances.

May

Asian & Pacific Islander Month: In May, we recognize the contributions of those of Asian and Pacific Islander descent. Asian Pacific American Heritage month began in 1978 as Asian American Heritage Week celebrated the first week of every May, chosen because the first immigrants from Japan arrived on May 7, 1843. It has since been expanded to encompass the entire month of May.

Cinco De Mayo: Widely celebrated in the United States, Cinco de Mayo ("Fifth of May") is a National holiday in Mexico. Commonly misconceived as Mexican Independence Day, Cinco de Mayo actually celebrates the victory of Mexican forces led by General Ignacio Zaragoza over the French occupational forces in the Battle of Puebla on 05 May 1862.

Jewish American Heritage Month is celebrated in May. Seeking a place to practice their beliefs without fear of prosecution, Jewish settlers first came to America. We celebrate that trek and celebrate the faith and culture of the Jewish people. Through their faith and commitment, America has become a more soulful nation and it is with this in mind that we honor them.

June

Caribbean American Heritage Month is an opportunity to show our appreciation for the many ways Caribbean Americans have contributed to our country. Caribbean Americans have helped to shape our national fabric with their vibrant traditions and their unique history. We celebrate and recognize the Caribbean Americans whose determination and hard work have helped make our country a better place.

Black Music Month: Not only has the work of African American musicians inspired us as a people for generations, but it has also infused itself with the popular music of today. Bearing this in mind, we honor Black

musicians during the month of June, celebrating those that paved the way for rap, hip-hop, R & B, and every other genre with smooth jazz and ethereal vocals.

Juneteenth Celebration: Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865. On that day Union soldiers rode through Texas announcing that Lincoln had given the Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves. Celebrated informally since 1865, Texas became the first state to celebrate it officially on June 3, 1979. Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

July

Independence Day: On July 4, 1776 the United States of America declared its independence from Great Britain. It is an iconic day to Americans celebrating their freedom thanks to the ancestors who fought for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Through generations it has morphed from an anti-British-rule celebration to a celebration of what makes us the USA.

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January -- Australia Day on the last Monday in Australia's calendar
January 1 -- New Year's Day
January 2 -- Berchtoldstag in Switzerland
January 3 -- Genshi-Sai (First Beginning) in Japan
January 5 -- Twelfth Night (Wassail Eve or Eve of Epiphany) in England
January 6 -- Epiphany, observed by Catholics throughout Europe and Latin America
mid-January -- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, birthday on the third Monday in the Virgin Islands
January 15 -- Adults' Day in Japan
January 20 -- St. Agnes Eve in Great Britain
January 26 -- Republic Day in India
January-February -- Chinese New Year and Vietnamese New Year

February -- Hamstrom on the first Sunday in Switzerland
February 3 -- Setsubun (Bean-throwing Festival) in Japan
February 5 -- Promulgation of the Constitution Day in Mexico
February 6 -- New Zealand Day in New Zealand
February 11 -- National Foundation Day in Japan
February 27 -- Independence Day in the Dominican Republic

March 1 -- Independence Movement Day in Korea; Constitution Day in Panama
March 8 -- International Women's Day in U.N. member nations
March 17 -- St. Patrick's Day in Ireland and Northern Ireland
March 19 -- St. Joseph's Day in Colombia, Costa Rica, Italy, and Spain
March 21 -- Benito Juarez's Birthday in Mexico
March 22 -- Arab League Day in Arab League countries
March 23 -- Pakistan Day in Pakistan
March 25 -- Independence Day in Greece; Lady Day (Quarter Day) in Great Britain
March 26 -- Fiesta del Arbol (Arbor Day) in Spain
March 29 -- Youth and Martyrs' Day in Taiwan
March 30 -- Muslim New Year in Indonesia
March-April -- Carnival/Lent/Easter: The pre-Lenten celebration of Carnival (Mardi Gras) and the post-Lenten celebration of Easter are movable feasts widely observed in Christian countries.

April 1 -- Victory Day in Spain; April Fools' Day (All Fools' Day) in Great Britain
April 5 -- Arbor Day in Korea
April 6 -- Van Riebeeck Day in South Africa
April 7 -- World Health Day in U.N. member nations
April 8 -- Buddha's Birthday in Korea and Japan; Hana Matsuri (Flower Festival) in Japan
April 14 -- Pan American Day in the Americas
April 19 -- Declaration of Independence Day in Venezuela
April 22 -- Queen Isabella Day in Spain
April 23 -- St. George's Day in England
April 25 -- Liberation Day in Italy; ANZAC Day in Australia and New Zealand
April 26 -- Union Day in Tanzania
April 29 -- Emperor's Birthday in Japan
April 30 -- Queen's Birthday in The Netherlands; Walpurgis Night in Germany and Scandinavia

April-May -- Independence Day in Israel

May -- Constitution Day on first Monday in Japan

May 1 -- May Day-Labor Day in the Commonwealth of Independent States and most of Europe and Latin America

May 5 -- Children's Day in Japan and Korea; Victory of General Zaragosa Day in Mexico; Liberation Day in The Netherlands

May 8 -- V-E Day in Europe

May 9 -- Victory over Fascism Day in the Commonwealth of Independent States

May 14 -- Independence Day in Paraguay

May 31 -- Republic Day in South Africa

June 2 -- Founding of the Republic Day in Italy

June 5 -- Constitution Day in Denmark; World Environment Day in U.N. member nations

June 6 -- Memorial Day in Korea; Flag Day in Sweden

June 8 -- Muhammad's Birthday in Indonesia

June 10 -- Portugal Day in Portugal

June 12 -- Republic Day in the Commonwealth of Independent States; Independence Day in the Philippines

mid-June -- Queen's Official Birthday on second Saturday in Great Britain; Midsummer Celebrations in Sweden

June 16 -- Soweto Day in U.N. member nations

June 20 -- Flag Day in Argentina

June 29 -- Feast of Saints Peter and Paul in Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Italy, Peru, Spain, Vatican City, and Venezuela

July 1 -- Half-year Holiday in Hong Kong; Bank Holiday in Taiwan; Dominion Day in Canada

July 5 -- Independence Day in Venezuela

July 9 -- Independence Day in Argentina

July 10 -- Bon (Feast of Fortune) in Japan

July 12 -- Orangemen's Day in Northern Ireland

July 14 -- Bastille Day in France

mid-July -- Feria de San Fermin during second week in Spain

July 17 -- Constitution Day in Korea

July 18 -- National Day in Spain

July 20 -- Independence Day in Colombia

July 21-22 -- National Holiday in Belgium

July 22 -- National Liberation Day in Poland

July 24 -- Simon Bolivar's Birthday in Ecuador and Venezuela

July 25 -- St. James Day in Spain

July 28-29 -- Independence Day in Peru

August -- Bank Holiday on first Monday in Fiji, Grenada, Guyana, Hong Kong, Ireland, and Malawi; Discovery Day on first Monday in Trinidad and Tobago; Independence Day on first Tuesday in Jamaica

August 1 -- Lammas Day in England; National Day in Switzerland

August 9 -- National Day in Singapore

August 10 -- Independence Day in Ecuador
August 14 -- Independence Day in Pakistan
August 15 -- Independence Day in India and Korea; Assumption Day in Catholic countries
August 16 -- National Restoration Day in the Dominican Republic
August 17 -- Independence Day in Indonesia
August 31 -- Independence Day in Trinidad and Tobago

September -- Rose of Tralee Festival in Ireland
September 7 -- Independence Day in Brazil
September 9 -- Choxo-no-Sekku (Chrysanthemum Day) in Japan
September 14 -- Battle of San Jacinto Day in Nicaragua
mid-September -- Sherry Wine Harvest in Spain
September 15 -- Independence Day in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Nicaragua; Respect for the Aged Day in Japan
September 16 -- Independence Day in Mexico and Papua New Guinea
September 18-19 -- Independence Day in Chile
September 28 -- Confucius' Birthday in Taiwan

October -- Thanksgiving Day in Canada on second Monday; Kruger Day in South Africa during second week
October 1 -- National Day in People's Republic of China; Armed Forces Day in Korea; National Holiday in Nigeria
October 2 -- National Day in People's Republic of China; Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday in India
October 3 -- National Day in the Federal Republic of Germany; National Foundation Day in Korea
October 5 -- Republic Day in Portugal
October 9 -- Korean Alphabet Day in Korea
October 10 -- Founding of Republic of China in Taiwan
October 12 -- Columbus Day in Spain and widely throughout Latin America
October 19 -- Ascension of Muhammad Day in Indonesia
October 20 -- Revolution Day in Guatemala; Kenyatta Day in Kenya
October 24 -- United Nations Day in U.N. member nations
October 26 -- National Holiday in Australia
October 28 -- Greek National Day in Greece

November 1 -- All Saints' Day, observed by Catholics in most countries
November 2 -- All Souls' Day in Ecuador, El Salvador, Luxembourg, Macao, Mexico, San Marino, Uruguay, and Vatican City
November 3 -- Culture Day in Japan
November 4 -- National Unity Day in Italy
November 5 -- Guy Fawkes Day in Great Britain
November 11 -- Armistice Day in Belgium, French Guiana, and Tahiti; Veterans Day in France; Remembrance Day in Canada and Bermuda
November 12 -- Sun Yat-sen's Birthday in Taiwan
November 15 -- Proclamation of the Republic Day in Brazil
November 19 -- National Holiday in Monaco
November 20 -- Anniversary of the Revolution in Mexico

November 23 -- Kinro-Kansha-No-Hi (Labor Thanksgiving Day) in Japan

November 30 -- National Heroes' Day in the Philippines

December 5 -- Discovery by Columbus Day in Haiti

December 6 -- Independence Day in Finland

December 8 -- Feast of the Immaculate Conception, widely observed in Catholic countries

December 10 -- Constitution Day in Thailand; Human Rights Day in U.N. member nations

mid-December -- Nine Days of Posada during third week in Mexico

December 25 Christmas Day, widely observed in all Christian countries

December 26 -- St. Stephen's Day in Austria, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, San Marino, and Switzerland; Boxing Day in Great Britain and Northern Ireland

December 28 -- National Day in Nepal

December 31 -- New Year's Eve throughout the world; Omisoka (Grand Last Day) in Japan; Hogmanay Day in Scotland

**Houston Independent School District
General Waiver Requests
School Year 2015 - 2016**

#1-All Schools-Modified Schedule/State Assessment Days

This waiver allows the district or charter school to modify the schedule of classes for students who are not being tested to report to and attend school after the state assessment testing period has ended; therefore, reducing the interruptions during testing period. All students must be scheduled for at least four hours of instruction. The time students test can be included as instructional time. If this is a renewal, a statement of compliance is required.

Schools Requesting This Waiver

CSO Elementary Schools	CSO Middle Schools	CSO High Schools
Project Chrysalis MS		Advanced Virtual Academy Austin High School Bellaire High School Carnegie Vanguard High School Challenge High School Chavez High School Early College HS East Eastwood Academy HS Furr High School Houston Academy International Kashmere High School Lamar High School Long Academy Middle College at HCC Fraga Milby High School North Forest High School North Houston Early College HS Reach Charter Sam Houston School Math/Scienc Scarborough High School South Early College HS Sterling High School Waltrip High School Westbury High School Westside High School Wheatley High School Yates High School

#2-All Schools - Faculty Advisory Council Waiver of Local Board Policy BM2 (LEGAL) BM2 (REGULATION)

A school may ask for a waiver of Board policy to use the Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) or a subcommittee in place of the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC).

Schools Requesting This Waiver

CSO Elementary Schools	CSO Middle Schools	CSO High Schools
Alameda Elementary Anderson Elementary Arabic Immersion Magnet School Atherton Elementary Barrick Elementary Bell Elementary Berry Elementary Blackshear Elementary Bonham Elementary Bonner Elementary Briarmeadow Charter Briscoe Elementary Brookline Elementary Bruce Elementary Burbank Elementary Burnet Elementary Burrus Elementary Bush Elementary Cage Elementary Codwell Elementary Condit Elementary Coop Elementary Crockett Elementary Cunningham Elementary Davila Elementary De Chaumes Elementary Durham Elementary Eleanor Tinsley Elementary Elmore Elementary School Elrod Elementary Fondren Elementary Fonwood EL Gallegos Elementary Garden Oaks Elementary Golfcrest Elementary Gregg Elementary Grissom Elementary Harris R P Elementary Hartsfield Elementary Herod Elementary Highland Heights Elementary Hines-Caldwell ES Hobby Elementary Janowski Elementary K Smith Elementary Kennedy Elementary Ketelsen Elementary School Kolter Elementary Lantrip Elementary Law Elementary Longfellow Elementary Love Elementary Lyons Elementary M L King ECC MacGregor Elementary Mark Twain Elementary McNamara Elementary Milne Elementary Mitchell Elementary	Burbank Middle School Cullen Middle School Dowling Middle School Fleming Middle School Fonville Middle School Hamilton Middle School Henry Middle School Hogg Middle School Holland Middle School Key Middle School Lanier Middle School Las Americas Middle School McReynolds Middle School Revere Middle School	Advanced Virtual Academy Barbara Jordan HS Carnegie Vanguard High School Challenge High School Chavez High School Community Services Davis High School DeBakey HSHP Early College HS East Eastwood Academy HS Energy Institute High School Harper Alternative Houston Academy International HSPVA Kashmere High School Lamar High School Law Enf. and Criminal Justice Middle College at HCC Fraga Milby High School North Forest High School North Houston Early College HS Reach Charter Reagan High School Sam Houston School Math/Scienc Scarborough High School South Early College HS Sterling High School Waltrip High School Westside High School Yates High School Young Women's College Prep

CSO Elementary Schools	CSO Middle Schools	CSO High Schools
Moreno ES Neff Elementary School Ninfa Lorenzo ECC Northline Elementary Oak Forest Elementary Oates Elementary Osborne Elementary Parker Elementary Patterson Elementary Pilgrim Academy Piney Point Elementary Pleasantville Elementary Poe Elementary Port Houston Elementary Project Chrysalis MS Ray Daily ES Red Elementary Reynolds Elementary Rice Middle School River Oaks Elementary Roberts Elementary Rodriguez Elementary Roosevelt Elementary Ross Elementary Scarborough Elementary School at St George Place Scroggins Elementary Seguin Elementary School Shadydale EL Shearn Elementary Sherman Elementary Stevens Elementary Sutton Elementary Wainwright Elementary Walnut Bend Elementary Wesley Elementary West University Elementary Wharton Elementary Wilson Montessori Windsor Village Elementary Young Learners		

#3-Title I Schools - Parent Advisory Council In Place of PTA/PTO Waiver of Local Board Policy GE (LOCAL) GE1(REGULATION)

The purpose of the waiver is to replace the PTA/PTO functions with the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) required for Title I schools. The campus will organize a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to assume this responsibility made up of parent representatives. Parents of all students will have the opportunity to become a PAC member. Recruitment for members will be conducted each new year. Information and decisions from the PAC will be appearing in the campus newsletter and the PAC newsletter. This reduces duplication of functions and provides focused support to address campus needs.

Schools Requesting This Waiver

CSO Elementary Schools	CSO Middle Schools	CSO High Schools
Alameda Elementary Anderson Elementary Bell Elementary Berry Elementary Blackshear Elementary Bonham Elementary Bonner Elementary Braeburn Elementary Briscoe Elementary Bruce Elementary Burbank Elementary Burrus Elementary Codwell Elementary Coop Elementary Crespo Elementary Crockett Elementary Cunningham Elementary Davila Elementary De Chaumes Elementary Eleanor Tinsley Elementary Elmore Elementary School Fonwood EL Grissom Elementary Harris R P Elementary Highland Heights Elementary Hines-Caldwell ES Hobby Elementary Jefferson Elementary Kennedy Elementary Lyons Elementary M L King ECC Milne Elementary Moreno ES Neff Elementary School Northline Elementary Osborne Elementary Pilgrim Academy Pleasantville Elementary Port Houston Elementary Reynolds Elementary Rodriguez Elementary Ross Elementary Scarborough Elementary Seguin Elementary School Shearn Elementary Stevens Elementary Wainwright Elementary Wesley Elementary Windsor Village Elementary Young Learners	Cullen Middle School Dowling Middle School Henry Middle School Holland Middle School Key Middle School Las Americas Middle School McReynolds Middle School	Barbara Jordan HS Chavez High School Davis High School Eastwood Academy HS Houston Academy International Kashmere High School Lamar High School Middle College at HCC Fraga Milby High School North Forest High School

#5-Elementary/Middle School – Promotion Standards Waiver of Local Board Policy EIE (LOCAL)

The purpose of this waiver is to permit a student(s) identified as at risk of dropping out, provided that the student(s) is participating in a yearlong accelerated instruction program, to be promoted from elementary grade 3 to 4 or grade 4 to 5 as well as middle school grade 6 to 7 or grade 7 to 8 at the end of the first semester. The student(s) must earn a grade of 70 or higher in the four core courses. Students will take the STAAR at their new grade level in the spring as part of the district-wide testing. The impact of this waiver will be measured by monitoring STAAR performance and by a reduced drop-out rate. These measures will be documented in the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Schools must follow HISD School Guidelines mid-year promotion standards. If this is a renewal, evidence of efficacy is required.

Schools Requesting This Waiver

CSO Elementary Schools	CSO Middle Schools	CSO High Schools
Alcott Elementary Bonham Elementary Burbank Elementary Garden Oaks Elementary Hartsfield Elementary Highland Heights Elementary Mitchell Elementary Pilgrim Academy Poe Elementary Roberts Elementary Scarborough Elementary Wainwright Elementary Young Elementary	Burbank Middle School Cullen Middle School Deady Middle School Dowling Middle School Fleming Middle School Fonville Middle School Henry Middle School Hogg Middle School Holland Middle School Jackson Middle School Key Middle School Las Americas Middle School McReynolds Middle School Revere Middle School Stevenson Middle School Thomas Middle School Williams Middle School	Harper Alternative Long Academy

#8-All Schools - HISD Early Dismissal Days Waiver

This waiver allows a school to be exempt from the district early dismissal calendar days of September 22th, October 28th, November 18th, January 27th and February 24th of the 2015-2016 school year. Schools will be responsible for the additional cost of transportation that is incurred by this waiver as well as the responsibility of notifications to parents of the altered schedule change that is brought about by this waiver.

Schools Requesting This Waiver

CSO Elementary Schools	CSO Middle Schools	CSO High Schools
Briar Meadow Charter Crockett Elementary Cunningham Elementary Port Houston Elementary Roberts Elementary West University Elementary	Burbank Middle School Deady Middle School Thomas Middle School	Advanced Virtual Academy Challenge High School Early College HS East Energy Institute High School Houston Academy International Lamar High School North Houston Early College HS Sam Houston School Math/Science South Early College HS Westbury High School Westside High School

#10-All Schools - Exemption From Following Houston ISD Curriculum Waiver of Local Board Policy EFAA (LOCAL) and School Guidelines Section VIII

The purpose of this waiver is to allow schools the choice of following a customized curriculum (including the scope, sequence, and pacing of instruction) in lieu of the recommended HISD curriculum. The requested school specific curriculum (including the school specific scope, sequence, and pacing of instruction) must be approved by district administration and/or school level office. The specific objective of this waiver is to allow schools the flexibility to choose an appropriately challenging curriculum to meet the needs of their school.

Schools Requesting This Waiver

CSO Elementary Schools	CSO Middle Schools	CSO High Schools
Braeburn Elementary Briar Meadow Charter Durham Elementary Garden Oaks Elementary Harvard Elementary Herrera Elementary Kolter Elementary Mark Twain Elementary Northline Elementary Parker Elementary Poe Elementary River Oaks Elementary Roberts Elementary School at St George Place Travis Elementary Wharton Elementary Wilson Montessori		Bellaire High School Carnegie Vanguard High School Challenge High School Energy Institute High School Houston Academy International Lamar High School Law Enf. and Criminal Justice Middle College at HCC Fraga Middle College at HCC Gulfton North Houston Early College HS Reach Charter Reagan High School

#12a-All Schools - Altered Student Instructional Day (Once a Week)- Waiver of Local Board Policy EC (LOCAL)

The purpose of this waiver is to permit schools to schedule professional development time during the school day once a week by extending the instructional time on certain days to afford the time needed for the professional development of all certified teachers. The total number of instructional minutes per week does not change. Instructional time on the early release day is at least 4 hours excluding lunch. Certified staff will engage in professional development documented through the School Improvement Plan (SIP) to address curriculum, assessment, intervention and differentiation to meet student learning needs. The specific objective of this waiver is to improve student learning as measured on STAAR test results and is identified in the school's SIP. The success of this waiver will be determined by increased test scores as compared to the year before. If this is a renewal, a statement of compliance and evidence of efficacy are required.

Schools Requesting This Waiver

CSO Elementary Schools	CSO Middle Schools	CSO High Schools
Alcott Elementary Barrick Elementary Berry Elementary Braeburn Elementary Brookline Elementary Bruce Elementary Burnet Elementary Codwell Elementary Crockett Elementary Cunningham Elementary Durham Elementary Durkee Elementary Eleanor Tinsley Elementary Farias ECC Garden Villas Elementary Hartsfield Elementary Herrera Elementary Janowski Elementary Jefferson Elementary Kennedy Elementary Looscan Elementary Love Elementary Lyons Elementary Mandarin Chinese School McNamara Elementary Moreno ES Neff ECC Ninfa Lorenzo ECC Oates Elementary Poe Elementary Port Houston Elementary River Oaks Elementary Rodriguez Elementary Ross Elementary School at St George Place Scroggins Elementary Sutton Elementary Wainwright Elementary Wesley Elementary Wharton Elementary Whittier Elementary	Burbank Middle School Fleming Middle School High School Ahead Academy Stevenson Middle School	Advanced Virtual Academy Challenge High School Early College HS East Houston Academy International Long Academy North Houston Early College HS Waltrip High School Westbury High School Westside High School

#12b-All Schools - Altered Student Instructional Day (Once Every Two Weeks)– Waiver of Local Board Policy EC (LOCAL)

The purpose of this waiver is to permit schools to schedule professional development time during the school day once every two weeks by extending the instructional time on certain days to afford the time needed for the professional development of all certified teachers. The total number of instructional minutes per week does not change. Instructional time on the early release day is at least 4 hours excluding lunch. Certified staff will engage in professional development documented through the School Improvement Plan (SIP) to address curriculum, assessment, intervention and differentiation to meet student learning needs. The specific objective of this waiver is to improve student learning as measured on STAAR test results and is identified in the school's SIP. The success of this waiver will be determined by increased test scores as compared to the year before. If this is a renewal, a statement of compliance and evidence of efficacy are required.

Schools Requesting This Waiver

CSO Elementary Schools	CSO Middle Schools	CSO High Schools
Arabic Immersion Magnet School Burbank Elementary Coop Elementary De Chaumes Elementary Dogan Elementary Eleanor Tinsley Elementary Highland Heights Elementary Mading Elementary Northline Elementary Shadowbriar Elementary Southmayd Elementary Thompson Elementary Tijerina Elementary	Cullen Middle School Stevenson Middle School	Long Academy Wheatley High School

#12c-All Schools - Altered Student Instructional Day (Once a Month)– Waiver of Local Board Policy EC (LOCAL)

The purpose of this waiver is to permit schools to schedule professional development time during the school day once a month by extending the instructional time on certain days to afford the time needed for the professional development of all certified teachers. The total number of instructional minutes per week does not change. Instructional time on the early release day is at least 4 hours excluding lunch. Certified staff will engage in professional development documented through the School Improvement Plan (SIP) to address curriculum, assessment, intervention and differentiation to meet student learning needs. The specific objective of this waiver is to improve student learning as measured on STAAR test results and is identified in the school's SIP. The success of this waiver will be determined by increased test scores as compared to the year before. If this is a renewal, a statement of compliance and evidence of efficacy are required.

Schools Requesting This Waiver

CSO Elementary Schools	CSO Middle Schools	CSO High Schools
Almeda Elementary Anderson Elementary Atherton Elementary Blackshear Elementary Bonham Elementary Bonner Elementary DeAnda Elementary Eleanor Tinsley Elementary Elmore Elementary School Elrod Elementary Foerster Elementary Fondren Elementary Fonwood EL Franklin Elementary Garcia Elementary Gregg Elementary Grissom Elementary Gross Elementary Herod Elementary Hilliard EL Hines-Caldwell ES Hobby Elementary Kolter Elementary Law Elementary Lewis Elementary M L King ECC Martinez C Elementary Memorial Elementary Milne Elementary Mitchell Elementary Neff Elementary School Park Place Elementary Petersen Elementary Pleasantville Elementary Poe Elementary Reynolds Elementary Roosevelt Elementary Rucker Elementary Shadydale EL Shearn Elementary Sherman Elementary Stevens Elementary Thurgood Marshall EL West University Elementary Windsor Village Elementary Woodson Elementary Young Learners	Forest Brook Middle Henry Middle School Lanier Middle School Pershing Middle School Revere Middle School	Austin High School Davis High School Furr High School Long Academy Milby High School Reach Charter Sterling High School

SDMC Agenda
March 31, 2016

- Approve meeting minutes from February meeting
- Highlighting Cultures – monthly celebrations
- School Waivers for 2016 – 2017
- Budget Updates
- New Business

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