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## HISD Board of Education postpones officer elections for 2021-2022

Jan. 14, 2021 — The Houston Independent School District Board of Education voted 8-1 to postpone officer elections for the 2021-2022 school year at its regular meeting Thursday evening.

The board will seek to elect officers at a hearing on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 9 a.m.

January is **School Board Recognition Month.** HISD appreciates its trustees for their dedication and willingness to serve as advocates for public education.

The board voted in favor of improving and constructing SPARK Parks on various HISD campuses. The SPARK Program is a Texas nonprofit corporation formed in 1983 to develop public school grounds into neighborhood parks that are accessible after the school day ends and on weekends.

This year, the SPARK Program has secured funding to develop or improve existing projects at the following HISD elementary schools:

-Anderson -Montgomery
-Daily -Park Place
-Garden Oaks Montessori -Reynolds
-Henderson -West University

SPARK Parks are supported by the City of Houston, HISD, Harris County, the private sector, neighborhood groups, and parent-teacher organizations.

The board also approved a Staples gift card grant of \$5,000 for C. Martinez Elementary School Teacher Leticia Gonzalez, who was a winner in the office retailer's Thank-a-Teacher contest. Gonzalez was selected because she routinely uses her own money to purchase welcome kits, gifts and treats for her students. She also provides assistance to students' families. Gonzalez will use the gift cards to purchase school supplies and other items her students may require. Click here for photo.

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