



Houston ISD Council of PTAs

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New HISD top leader on the job and on the run!

New HISD superintendent Dr. Terry Grier was no sooner officially hired by our school board than he was out hitting the streets and campuses of Houston taking on his new duties. Nice start, Dr. Grier.

Dr. Grier was the unanimous choice to take the helm of our school district. That can only portend that there is going to be a lot of changes in policies and the way HISD does business, and it will be the duty of PTA leadership to pay a lot of attention coming developments and be the voices of our disparate campuses in the process.

Dr. Grier is an extremely qualified educational leader with an impressive background and experience. We welcome Dr. Grier and look forward to moving our district and our kids along to ever greater success.

HEADS UP: HISD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS ARE UPON US!

The contested races are: District 1, Linda Toyota; Anna Eastman; and Alma Lara..

District 5, Ray Reiner; Mike Lunceford.

District 9, Michael Williams; Lawrence "Larry" Marshall (incumbent); Adrian Collins; and George Davis.

Greg Myers in District 6 and Harvin C. Moore in District 7 are unopposed.

Early voting begins October 19, 2009 and ends on October 30, 2009.

REGULAR ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009 -- TUNE INTO THE ELECTION RACES; TURN OUT TO VOTE.



The September 12 mall event featured student performing groups from PTA member schools across the area. We should all perform as well as our kids!

The eyes of Texas and the nation are on Houston ISD and its PTAs . . .

Really! Houston and its ISD were selected to be one of six urban across the nation to participate in the National PTA's **Urban Family Engagement Initiative**, and the first event associated with this effort took place at Northwest Mall, Saturday, September 12.

PTA officials from the PTA's national office in Chicago, Illinois, from the Texas PTA and the Houston area as well as officials from Houston ISD pulled together to undertake efforts that acknowledge that the times and urban districts in the U.S. are not what they used to be and will require new and aggressive approaches.

Local schools, groups and resources set up a multitude of booths in the mall to show their wares and invite collaboration. Get your antennae up, Houstonians, you'll be hearing a lot more about this!

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