

A Letter From Paula Harris, President, Board of Education, Houston Independent School District

On behalf of the Board of Education of the Houston Independent School District (HISD), it is



my pleasure to express our strong support for the Department of Defense STARBASE program.

Since 1994, students and teachers in HISD have participated in STARBASE. Our students have benefited by experiencing hands-on cutting edge science and technology lessons and innovative instruction; while our teachers have learned and seen modeled best practices and methods which they have been able to emulate in their own classrooms.

I have had the opportunity to personally attend Texas STARBASE, and I am impressed not only with the creative curriculum, but also with the dedicated instructors, who really challenge the students to hone their thinking skills and keep them engaged and interested in every activity.

As an engineer in the energy industry for over twenty years, I am a huge advocate of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education -- and I'm really proud that our district can offer such a high quality program that instills a deep interest in this subject matter.

I am pleased that the Department of Defense and Members of Congress continue to share our view on the critical importance of STEM education in public schools and remain fully committed to this program. I am confident that the seeds STARBASE is planting today will produce the great engineers and scientists we will depend on in the future.

On behalf of the Board of Education, the students, and teachers of HISD, thank you for your continued funding and support of the STARBASE program.

Sincerely,

Paula M. Harris
President, HISD Board of Education

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