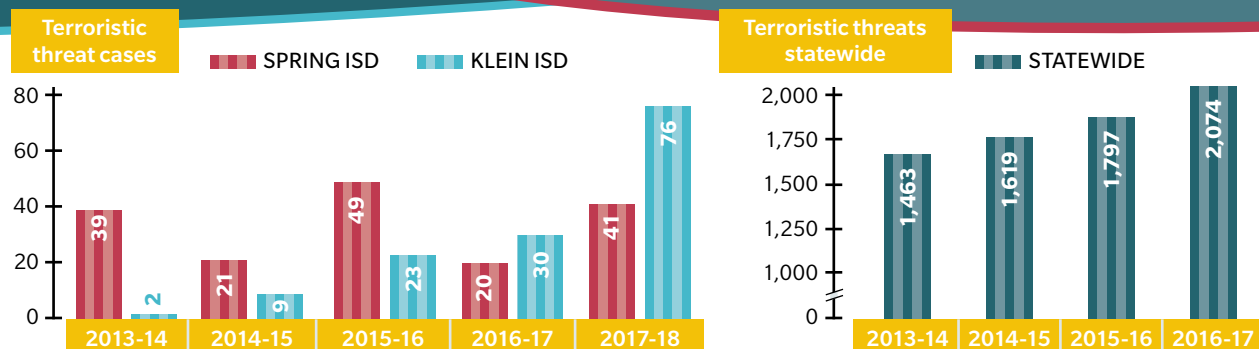


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# NO. 2018 EDUCATION FOCUS

## ADDRESSING THREATS ON CAMPUS

The number of terroristic threat reports at Spring and Klein ISDs has increased since 2013, and the overall number of terroristic threats in schools across the state has also grown.



Harris County had the largest number of school-based referrals for terroristic threats among counties in Texas from January to May 2018.

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### TERRORISTIC THREAT:

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SOURCES: SPRING ISD, KLEIN ISD, TEXAS APPLESEED, TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

## Spring, Klein districts focus on secure campuses in 2018-19

Mental health support, officer training among local strategies

BY VANESSA HOLT

Local school districts began the 2018-19 school year with an emphasis on campus safety, spurred by a governor's order, nationally publicized school shootings and long-term plans

in place to improve their existing facilities and procedures.

Funded by millions of dollars in school bonds, some new security projects in Spring and Klein ISDs include a new SISD police building scheduled

to open in September, enhancements to police vehicles and campus surveillance. KISD is adding police officers, securing entrances and planning other improvements to facilities, partially through funds from the \$498 million 2015 bond referendum.

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## Arts organizations staying afloat in Spring, Klein area

Live performance groups change venues, trim costs in response to flooding, funding challenges

BY EVA VIGH

Despite Hurricane Harvey and other setbacks, theater and performing arts groups in Spring and Klein said they remain active and believe the local demand for the arts is on an upward trajectory.

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## BUSINESS AS USUAL

Ticket sales and prices for local performing arts groups are generally rising even after setbacks in the wake of Hurricane Harvey last year.

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Cypress Creek FACE's budget rose from **\$454,656** in 2014-15 to **\$592,200** in 2017-18.

Stageworks Theatre ticket prices: 2013: \$23 | 2018: \$28

SOURCES: CYPRESS CREEK FACE, STAGWORKS THEATRE/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

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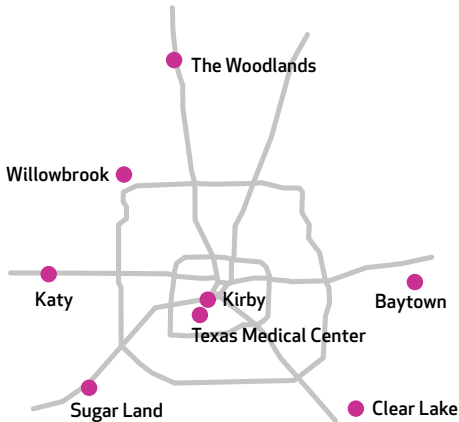
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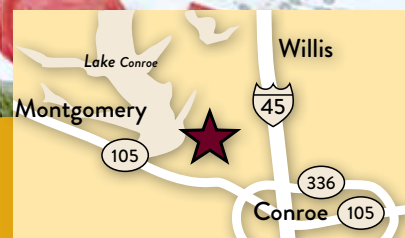
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**Autumn brings new school year, our Education Focus**

This year the first day of autumn is Friday, Sept. 22. Even though we won't see the changing leaves or snuggle up in our favorite sweaters for a while, September is a busy and exciting time.

The kids have been back in school for a few weeks, and in this month's edition we bring you our annual Education Focus with Spring and Klein ISD testing results, feeder maps and accountability ratings (pages 18-21).

Our first front-page story looks at schools from a safety standpoint, examining what programs districts are implementing during the 2018-19 school year. Spring and Klein ISDs have added additional security measures—reinforcing

campus facilities, evaluating mental health services and adding law enforcement and other safety programs.

Our second front-page story examines how demand for the arts continues to rise in the region. Despite the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey last year, area theater groups have continued to flourish. Our story explains how these groups have overcome the challenges.

September is filled with exciting events all around our community. Visit our To-Do List (Page 9) to see what is happening this month.

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**ASK THE EDITOR**

**Why did some districts receive no rating from Texas Education Agency in 2017-18?**



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In August the Texas Education Agency released its annual accountability ratings, and for the first time school districts in Texas received an A-F grade to indicate how schools performed overall in categories such as student achievement and school progress.

However, many districts, including Spring ISD, did not receive an overall rating this year. The reason lies in the effect Hurricane Harvey had on the region.

TEA announced in August that school districts were eligible to be Not Rated under the Hurricane Harvey provision if the districts meet certain criteria.

Districts qualify based on whether Harvey affected campuses. For example, a campus qualified to be Not Rated if it had least 10 percent of enrolled students or teachers displaced or homeless due to Harvey; or the campus must have been closed for 10 or more school days due to the storm; or the campus itself was displaced by the storm.

SISD would have received a C overall, if the Not Rated designation had not taken effect. Klein ISD, which did not receive an exemption, scored a B rating.

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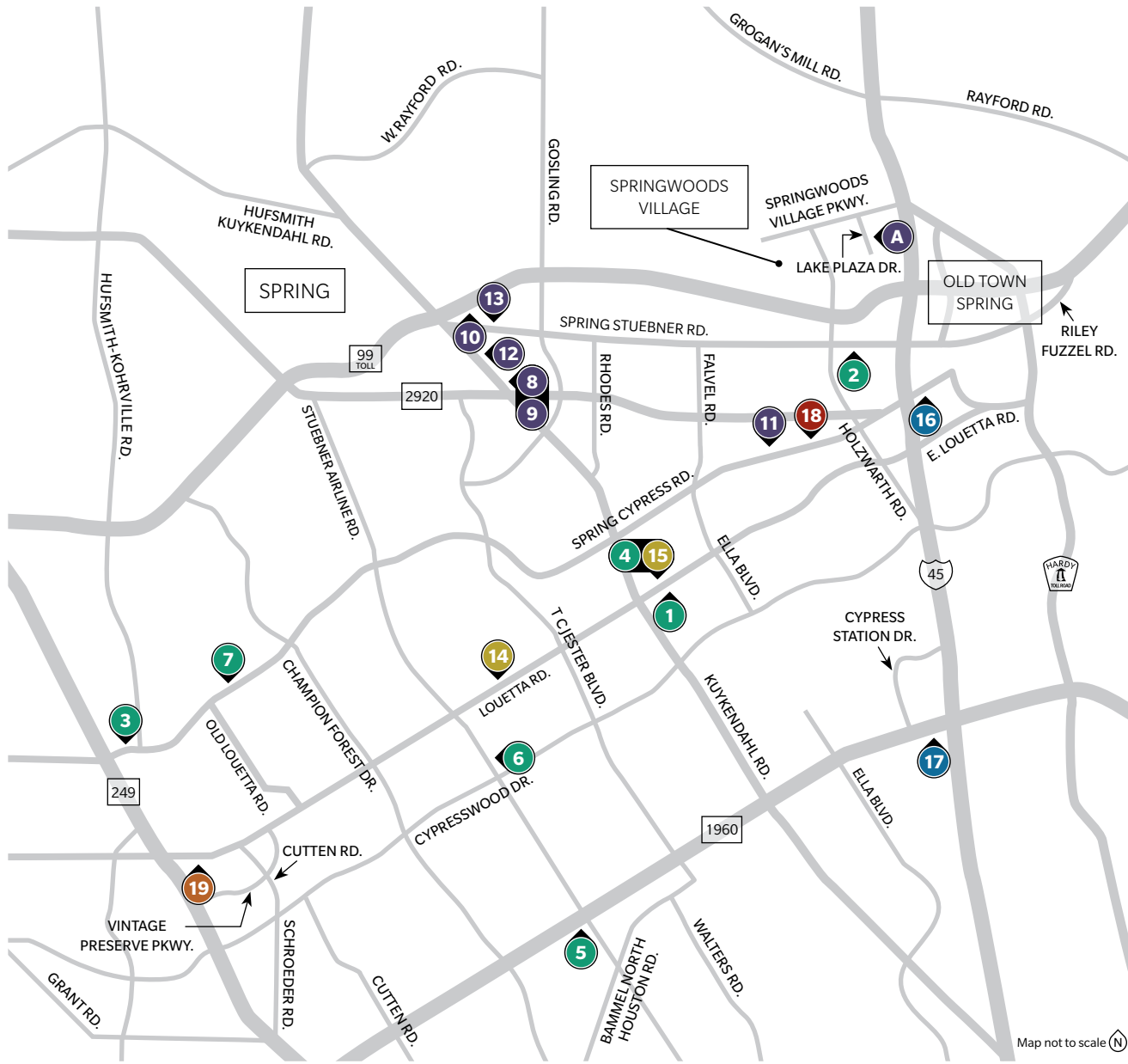
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Businesses that have recently opened, are coming soon, or are relocating or expanding



### NOW OPEN

**1 Kings Blu Jam Cafe** opened July 28 at 4711 Louetta Road, Spring. The eatery serves comfort breakfast foods, such as omelettes, Belgian waffles and corned beef hash as well as lunch options. Lunch items include deli sandwiches, pastas and salads. 713-389-5555. [www.kingsblujam.com](http://www.kingsblujam.com)

**2 Domino's** opened a new location Aug. 2 at 2209 Spring Stuebner Road, Spring. The new "pizza theater" store design features elements that are not found in traditional Domino's stores, according to the company. A pizza theater features a lobby, dine-in seating, open-area viewing of the food preparation process and the ability to track carryout orders electronically on a

lobby screen. 281-528-5555. [www.dominos.com](http://www.dominos.com)

**3 Schlotzsky's** opened a new location Aug. 2 at 10800 Spring Cypress Road, Ste. 100, Tomball. The restaurant serves its specialty sandwiches alongside salads, soups and a number of macaroni and cheese flavors. 346-808-7670. [www.schlotzskys.com](http://www.schlotzskys.com)

**4 Executive Nails & Spa** opened in July at 4886 Louetta Road, Spring. The upscale spa offers a variety of services, including nails, skin, eyelash extensions, waxing and hair removal, threading and massages. It also has two beverage bars and 15 TVs, according to the company's Facebook page. 832-663-5505. [www.facebook.com/exelouettaspring](http://www.facebook.com/exelouettaspring)

**5 The Crab Station**, a Texas-based seafood restaurant, opened in mid-August at 4505 FM 1960, Ste. B, Houston, in a location previously occupied by Pho Bolsa. The restaurant offers a variety of boiled or fried seafood, including crab, lobster, shrimp, crawfish and oysters. 281-781-7351. [www.crab-station.com](http://www.crab-station.com)

**6 Champions Counseling Center**, a family-focused center for individuals, couples, children and adolescents, opened Aug. 5 at 16000 Stuebner Airline Road, Ste. 285, Spring. The center provides treatment for trauma, relational problems, anxiety and depression, and to offer creative and collaborative counseling. 713-300-1867. [www.championscounselingcenter.com](http://www.championscounselingcenter.com)

**7 The Rustic Brush Gleannloch Farms**, a painting studio, opened July 28 at 9702 Spring Cypress Road, Ste. 115, Spring. Customers can book an instructor-guided workshop for home decor projects, such as door hangers and signs. Materials are provided by the studio. 281-369-6590. [www.therusticbrush.com/locations/gleannloch-farms-spring-tx](http://www.therusticbrush.com/locations/gleannloch-farms-spring-tx)

### COMING SOON

**8 A Gordmans** department store will open at 21356 Kuykendahl Road, Spring, this fall. The Palais Royal currently at the location will close Sept. 15 and the Gordmans store will open under a different owner. 800-743-8730. [www.gordmans.com](http://www.gordmans.com)

**9** The sixth location of **Big City Wings** will open in mid-September at 21322 Kuykendahl Road, Spring. The restaurant offers Buffalo-style chicken wings, burgers, fries, sandwiches and waffles. The food is available for dine-in, takeout, delivery and catering. The new Spring location also features 40 TV screens,

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**10 Willie's Grill and Icehouse** is slated to open Oct. 1 at 6815 N. Grand Parkway W., Spring. The restaurant serves casual American dishes, including salads, soups, burgers, sandwiches and po'boys. 281-807-5200. [www.williesgrillandicehouse.com](http://www.williesgrillandicehouse.com)

**11 Fortress BeerWorks**, a family-friendly craft brewery, plans to open this fall at 2606 Spring Cypress Road, Spring. Fortress BeerWorks will be operating with a brew-pub license, meaning it has the ability to sell beer on-premise and to-go. [www.facebook.com/fortressbeerworks](http://www.facebook.com/fortressbeerworks)

**12 LA Fitness** plans to open a new location on 21720 Kuykendahl Road, Spring, in November or December. LA Fitness clubs offer a variety of cardio, resistance and weight training equipment, as well as personal training. 832-702-8085. [www.lafitness.com](http://www.lafitness.com)

**13 Cookie Cutters Haircuts for Kids** will open at 6630 Spring Stuebner Road, Ste. 507, Spring, by the end of October, according to the company. The children-friendly salon offers indoor playgrounds, TVs and children's hair products. Stylists are trained to style and service young children. 281-901-0935. [www.haircutsarefun.com/spring-tx](http://www.haircutsarefun.com/spring-tx)

## RELOCATIONS

**14** Originally located on Spring Cypress Road, **Robyn's Nest Boutique** relocated to 6402 Louetta Road, Ste. 100, Spring, on July 6. The store sells women's clothing, home decor and gifts, including artwork and pottery, candles and furniture. 832-559-7275. [www.facebook.com/robynsnestgifts](http://www.facebook.com/robynsnestgifts)

**15 Bridge Club of Houston** plans to move from its temporary location of 4876 Louetta Road, Spring, to a new location at Corum Station at 4688 Louetta Road, Spring, in September. The club will be located next to a Tuesday Morning store at the north end of the same building. The club offers games six days a week along with lessons. 281-651-6550. [www.bridgeclubofhouston.com](http://www.bridgeclubofhouston.com)

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## ANNIVERSARIES

**16 Cool Kat Party Warehouse** is celebrating its one-year anniversary this September at its location on 1457 Spring Cypress Road, Spring. The 20,000-square-foot store is the largest party store in North Houston and in Montgomery County, according to the company. The company offers party, craft and baking and catering supplies; seasonal decor; year-round costumes and accessories; toys; and balloons. The original Cool Kat Party Supplies store has been open on Kuykendahl Road for six years. 832-813-5646. [www.coolkatpartywarehouse.com](http://www.coolkatpartywarehouse.com)

**17 Lasagna House**, an Italian eatery located at 217 FM 1960 W., Ste. D, Houston, is celebrating its 75th anniversary Sept. 24. Menu options include vegetable lasagna, which has layers of sliced carrots, broccoli and cauliflower; meat cannelloni, or hand-rolled pasta tubes stuffed with ground beef and cheese; and shrimp scampi, which is tossed with tomatoes, artichoke and spaghetti in a garlic wine sauce. 281-580-7797. [www.lasagnahouse.com](http://www.lasagnahouse.com)

## EXPANSIONS

**18 Holy Comforter Episcopal Church** is expanding its existing location on 2322 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, by building a new worship space on the same property. The new worship space, which is expected to be complete at the end of 2018 or early 2019, will also be open to community groups or schools looking for space to host concerts, lectures or town hall meetings. 281-288-8169. [www.holycomforterspring.org](http://www.holycomforterspring.org)

## NAME CHANGE

**19** Faces 365 changed its name to **Elite Skin and Body** in July. The day spa is located at 10927 Louetta Road, Ste. 170, Houston, and offers services, such as skin extractions, oxygen treatments, waxing, body massages and facials. 281-251-2225. [www.mindbodyonline.com](http://www.mindbodyonline.com)

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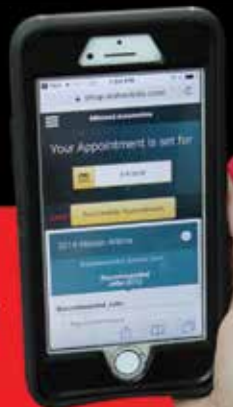
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# **To-do list**

Your ultimate local guide for events, business openings, meetings and more in the months of September and October

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Event organizers can submit local events online to be considered for the print edition. Submitting details for consideration does not guarantee publication.

SEPT. 14-15

**Participate in a two-day arts conference**

This year's Houston Arts Partners conference features actor Mickey Rowe, entrepreneur Ted Fujimoto and choreographer Mana Hashimoto. The program promotes arts education and resources in the Greater Houston area. Registration is required. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$45-\$75. Klein ISD Multipurpose Center, 7500 FM 2920, Spring. 713-552-9345. [www.hapconference.org](http://www.hapconference.org)

SEPT. 28

**Bring young children to a book club meeting**

Children ages 1-10 can attend Courtyard Houston Northwest's Book Club the last Friday of each month. The program includes books for children to read and book reading by volunteers as well as snacks, beverages and gifts. 7-9 p.m. Free. Courtyard Houston Northwest, 11050 Louetta Road, Houston. 281-440-4160. [www.serve360.marriott.com](http://www.serve360.marriott.com)

OCT. 6

**Explore chamber of commerce expo**

The annual Spring Klein Chamber of Commerce Community Expo and Health Fair brings together over 75 local business exhibitors and a variety of activities for adults and children. Events include health care speakers, a raffle and a blood drive. There will also be a young entrepreneurs section. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Klein Multipurpose Center, 7500 FM 2920, Spring. 281-257-9559. [www.springkleinchamber.org](http://www.springkleinchamber.org)

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**Sept. 28-29** "God's Megaphone: A Visit with C.S. Lewis." 8 p.m. \$25. The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 801 Main St., Tomball

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**Sept. 17** Birding, 8-11 a.m.

**Sept. 19** Canoe and fishing, 5-8 p.m.

**Sept. 22** Family fish camp, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Sept. 29** Civic adventure day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

OCT. 6-7

**Visit a wine, art festival in Old Town Spring**

The Texas Wine and Art Festival in Old Town Spring features local wine and art, with 10 local wineries participating. Participants can dine, drink and shop in the village stores. 10 a.m. Free (\$35 for 10 wine tasting tickets). Old Town Spring, 435 Spring Cypress Road, Spring. [www.txwineandart.com](http://www.txwineandart.com)

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**Last day to register to vote**

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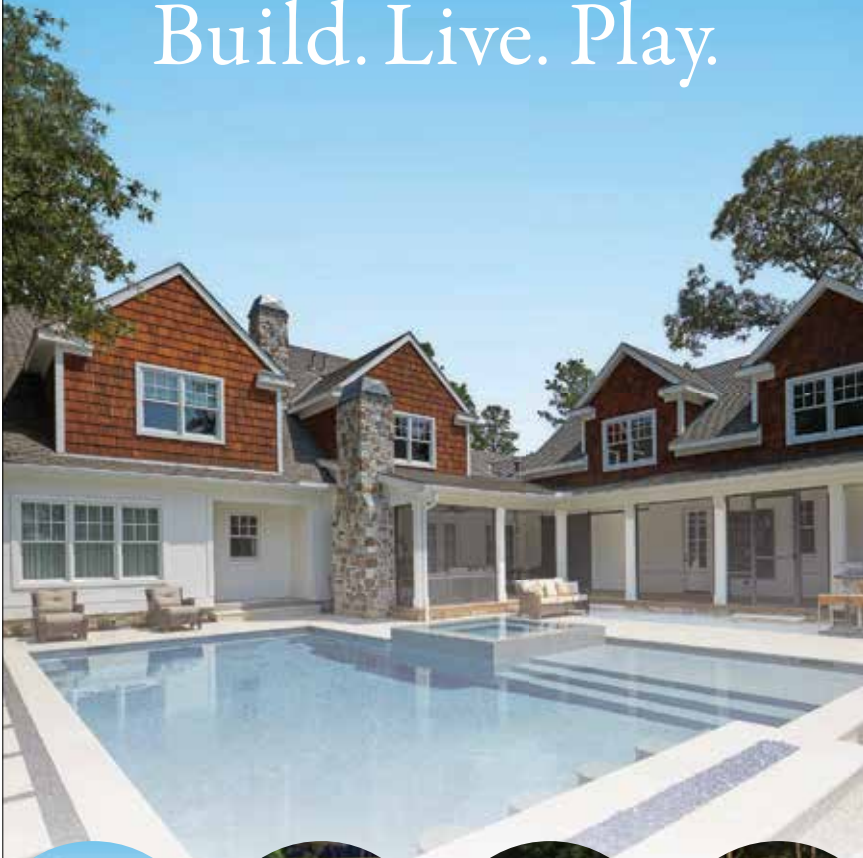
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ONGOING PROJECTS

Project description	Estimated timeline
<b>1</b> Harris County Precinct 1 is widening <b>Walters Road</b> between FM 1960 and Old Walters Road from two to four lanes as well as installing a new traffic signal and a left-turn lane at Bammel North Houston Road. The cost of the project is \$11 million.	April 2017- September 2018
<b>2</b> Texas Department of Transportation’s \$2.3 million Statewide Curb Ramp Project on <b>FM 1960</b> , implemented to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, has resumed construction after having been delayed by utility conflicts, TxDOT Public Information officer Danny Perez said.	October 2016- early 2019
<b>3</b> Allgood Construction began work on a \$9.4 million Harris County Precinct 4 project in March to widen the <b>Gosling Road</b> bridge across Willow Creek and upgrade the two-lane asphalt road to four concrete lanes between West Mossy Oaks and West Rayford roads in Spring.	March 21- August 2019

RECENT UPDATES

**4 Hwy. 249 restriping**  
The project to increase the number of lanes on Hwy. 249 from six to eight lanes between Chasewood Park Drive and Gregson Road was awarded to Batterson LLP for \$361,000 in June. The project will convert the inside shoulders to a fourth lane in both the north and south directions.  
**Timeline:** TBD  
**Cost:** \$361,000  
**Funding source:** TxDOT

**5 Champions Drive upgrades**  
A construction contract was awarded to Allgood Construction on July 31 for a joint project by Harris County Precinct 4 and Champions Municipal Utility District to upgrade the two-lane asphalt road to concrete lanes at Champions Drive between

FM 1960 and Cypress Creek in Spring. A construction schedule has yet to be identified, said Pamela Rocchi, director of the Harris County Precinct 4 Capital Improvements Program.  
**Timeline:** TBD  
**Cost:** \$12.9 million  
**Funding sources:** Harris County Precinct 4

**6 Gleannloch Forest Drive expansion**  
A project to upgrade the existing 2-lane roadway south of SH 99 to a 4-lane concrete boulevard section is in the design phase. The joint participation project is between Harris County Precinct 4 and Harris County municipal utility districts Nos. 367 and 383. Precinct 4 hopes to seek bid authorization in the third quarter of 2018, Rocchi said.  
**Timeline:** TBD  
**Cost:** \$300,000  
**Funding source:** Harris County Precinct 4



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Prior to 2017 several laws relating to cell phones were already on the books in Texas, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. Those laws include: Drivers under age 18 are not allowed to use handheld or hands-free cell phones; drivers are prohibited from using cell phones hands-on to call or text while driving in school zones; and bus drivers are prohibited from using a cell phone hands-free or hands-on while driving.

All information on this page was updated as of 8/22/18. News or questions about these or other local transportation projects? Email us at [skl@communityimpact.com](mailto:skl@communityimpact.com).

**7 Riley Fuzzel Road upgrades**  
A project to upgrade Riley Fuzzel Road between Elm Street and the Hardy Toll Road in Spring is in the design phase. The project includes upgrading the road to a four-lane concrete pavement, realigning the road to remove sharp turns, closing the railroad crossing at Caroline Street and opening a new crossing north of Riley Fuzzel Road. Harris County Precinct 4 plans to send the project out for bids in early 2019.  
**Timeline:** TBD  
**Cost:** \$2.7 million  
**Funding source:** Harris County Precinct 4

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# Voters overwhelmingly show support for \$2.5 billion county bond referendum

## Funds will boost Harris County Flood Control District budget

BY **VANESSA HOLT**

Nearly one year after Hurricane Harvey struck Southeast Texas, Harris County voters showed overwhelming support for the county's \$2.5 billion bond referendum Aug. 25.

The final tally shows 129,944, or 85.64 percent of voters, in support of the measure, and 21,790, or 14.36 percent of voters, opposing it. A total of 6.7 percent of those registered to vote participated in the election, according to the Harris County Clerk's office. All results are unofficial until canvassed.

Harris County Flood Control District's annual budget will increase from \$120 million to about \$500 million for the next 15 years through bond funds and through matching federal and other grants, HCFCD Director of Operations Matthew Zeve said.

The average tax increase for a homeowner with a house valued

at \$200,000 will be about \$5 in the 2020 tax bill, an amount that could increase over a 15-year period to \$50 in 2035, Harris County Budget Officer Bill Jackson said earlier this year.

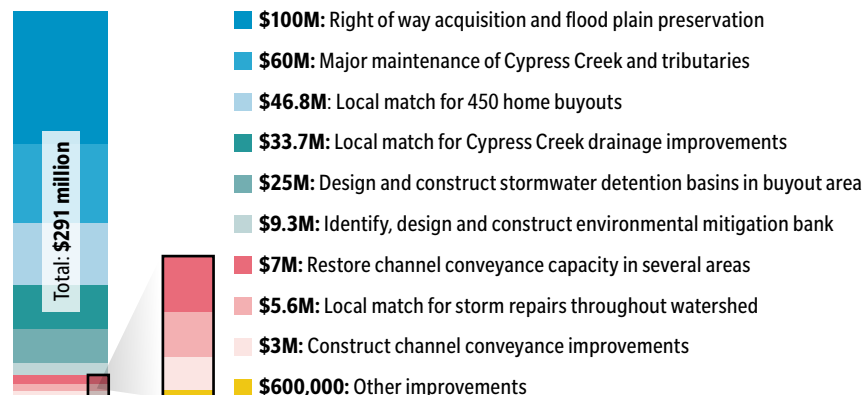
Joe Stinebaker, director of communications for Judge Ed Emmett's office, said Emmett thanked the voters for passing the referendum.

"He thought it sent a very clear message to the people of Harris County, to the government of the state of Texas and United States that the people of Harris County were going to step up and take care of their share of the recovery, and that he hoped that our state officials and our federal officials would now step up and help us by providing the money and the expertise that we're going to need over the next few years," Stinebaker said.

Harris County Commissioners Court on Aug. 28 approved several

# CYPRESS CREEK BOND PROJECTS

The largest portion of Hurricane Harvey-related flooding in Spring and Klein affected areas within the Cypress Creek watershed. Bond projects in the watershed will include right of way acquisition, buyouts and creek maintenance.



SOURCE: HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

projects that were ready to start work, including making updates to the 2003 regional drainage plan for major tributaries in the Cypress Creek watershed.

Zeve said HCFCD will continue to hold community meetings like those it held over the summer in the county's 23 watersheds as the projects begin.

"The flood control district has a community meeting at least once for every project that we do, so we'll be back out there in those areas that projects will affect," Zeve said. "And from me personally, I plan to work hard over the next 10-15 years to deliver everything."

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## SCHOOL & COUNTY

News from Harris County, Spring ISD and Klein ISD

COMPILED BY **VANESSA HOLT**

## County will place racial violence victims memorial

**HARRIS COUNTY** Harris County Commissioners Court on Aug. 14 unanimously approved placement of four memorial markers produced by the Equal Justice Initiative's National Memorial for Peace and Justice, which acknowledge four instances of racial violence in Harris County.

The markers will be similar to the large metal monuments installed at the national memorial in Montgomery, Alabama, and they would be placed at a single location in the

county, Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis said.

Laura Segura, a representative of the Harris County Community Remembrance Project, spoke at the meeting to describe the purpose of the memorials, which acknowledge lynchings between Civil War Reconstruction and World War II.

A location for the memorials has not yet been determined, but they could be located within the county courthouse, Ellis said.

## Klein ISD adopts \$449M budget, maintains flat tax rate for FY 2018-19

**KLEIN ISD** On Aug. 27, the Klein ISD board of trustees adopted a \$449 million proposed general fund budget for fiscal year 2018-19 after securing additional state funding and making targeted cuts, such as reducing benefits and compensations.

State funding to the district is expected to temporarily increase by \$15.1 million in the 2018-19 school year, according to KISD officials. The majority of these funds—\$10.2 million—will come from a tax rate swap, which increases the maintenance and operations portion of the district tax rate from \$1.04 to \$1.06 per \$100 valuation, and decreases the debt service portion from \$0.39 to \$0.37 per \$100 valuation. This exchange was possible for districts affected by a natural disaster as KISD was during Hurricane Harvey in 2017-18.

The district's overall tax rate will remain \$1.43 per \$100 valuation.

## \$38M Spring ISD stadium plans include memorial to veterans

**SPRING ISD** The \$38 million districtwide stadium off Cypresswood Drive, scheduled to break ground in September, will include a veterans memorial, Spring ISD officials said.

Board member Chris Bell said he and other board members felt the Spring area needed a site honoring veterans.

The memorial will be located on the east side of the stadium and feature a circular monolith design along with bench seating, according to an SISD press release. The stadium is funded with money from the district's 2016 bond referendum.



This IDG Architects rendering shows the future veterans memorial site.

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## MEETINGS

**Klein ISD** meets Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.  
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**Spring ISD** meets Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.  
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## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

**KLEIN ISD** TxSmartSchools named KISD a five-star district for the third consecutive year. The initiative weighs both academic progress and spending levels in schools to evaluate districts.

**SPRING ISD** The board of trustees on Aug. 14 approved holding a trustee election Nov. 6 to fill three-year board seats for positions 6 and 7, which expire at the end of this year. The seats are currently held by trustees Don Davis and Jana Gonzales, respectively.





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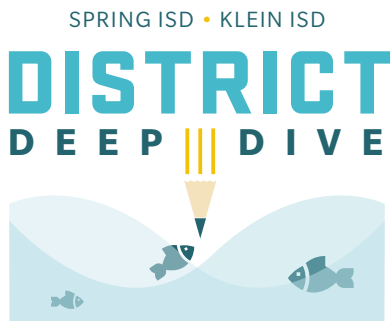
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## DISTRICT DATA

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Spring and Klein ISDs serve several unincorporated portions of northern Harris County. SISD enrollment has dropped slightly in recent years and includes a larger population of economically disadvantaged students than KISD, which has seen enrollment grow by 4,000 students since 2014.

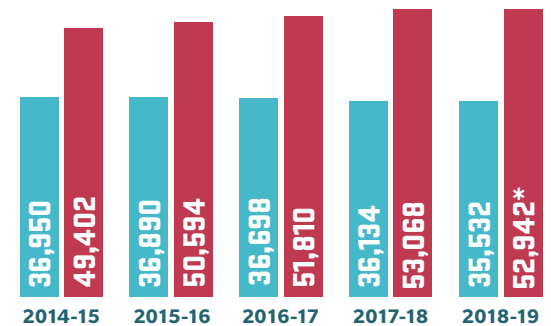
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SOURCES: SPRING ISD, KLEIN ISD, TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

### 2018-19 ENROLLMENT

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**52,942\*\***  
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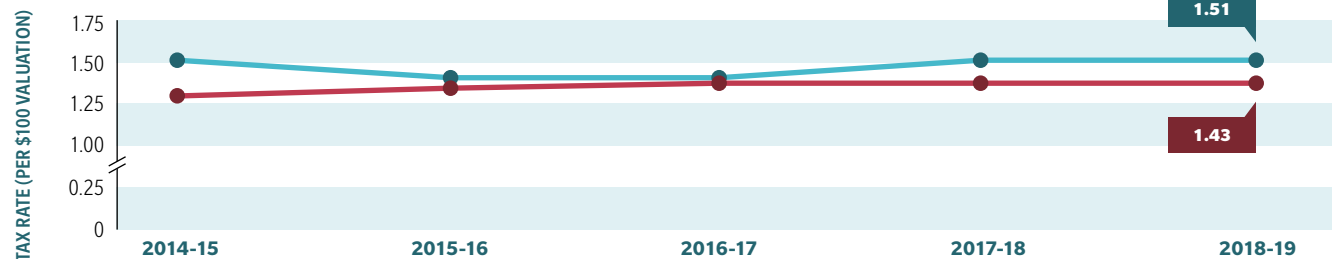
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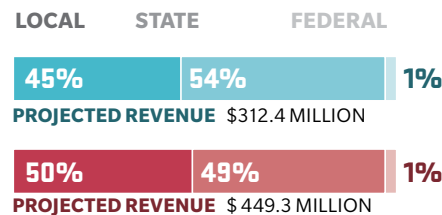
### 2018-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCT. 08	Fall holiday
OCT. 5, 8	Fall holiday
NOV. 19-23	Thanksgiving break
NOV. 19-23	Thanksgiving break
DEC. 19-7	Winter break
DEC. 21-4	Winter break
JAN. 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
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MAR. 11-15	Spring break
MAR. 11-15	Spring break
MAY. 30	Last day for students
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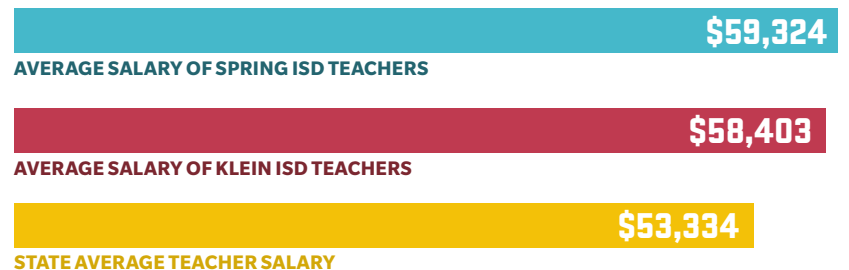
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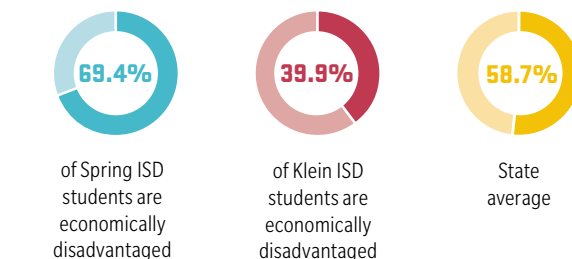
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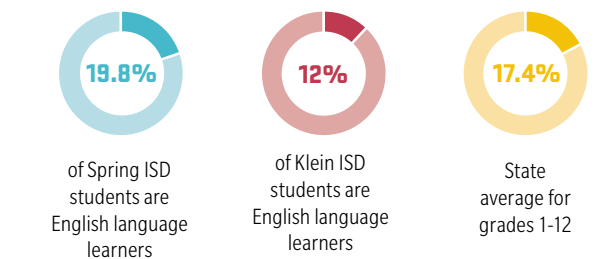
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# Dual-language immersion programs aim to foster Spring, Klein student fluency

BY VANESSA HOLT

On the first day of school at Hirsch Elementary School on Trailing Vine Road in Spring ISD, a group of kindergarten students began the day with basic vocabulary exercises and talked about their summer vacations. The difference between this and other classrooms is that instruction took place in Spanish, even though half of the 22 students are English-speaking.

This year SISD launched dual-language immersion programs at Hirsch, Northgate and Clark Primary elementary schools beginning in kindergarten and first grade. Parents volunteered for their children to participate in the program, district officials said.

Klein ISD is piloting a similar program in Spanish at Klenk and Zwink elementary schools this year as well as a Vietnamese/English program at Klenk for students who speak Vietnamese at home, KISD Deputy Superintendent Jenny McGown said.

The programs help English-speaking students develop bilingual skills at an early age, and they provide an environment in which non-English speaking students can gradually learn English while further developing their native language skills, said Lupita Hinojosa, SISD chief of school leadership and student support services.

"[We] would like our students to

come out of the elementary school being bilingual, bicultural and biliterate," Hirsch Elementary School Principal John Baker said. "It's important to be able to participate in the economy of the world."

SISD dual-language immersion classrooms begin 80 percent in Spanish and 20 percent in English, but they gradually shift to a 50-50 mix by fifth grade, Hinojosa said.

KISD programs maintain a 50-50 balance throughout the K-5 program, McGown said.

Virginia-based researchers Wayne Thomas and Virginia Collier, who specialize in dual-language immersion, helped SISD develop its program, Hinojosa said. Research the duo shared with SISD in 2017 shows high longterm achievement on English reading assessments among students learning English in dual-language programs.

"Most importantly the success the students are achieving is sustainable after they leave high school, getting jobs [that are] paying at a higher level," Hinojosa said.

SISD expects to expand the program and develop programs at the middle school level, Hinojosa said. It may consider additional languages in widely spoken languages such as Mandarin Chinese and Vietnamese, which is spoken by many students in SISD.

## BENEFITS OF BILINGUAL STUDY

Dual-language immersion programs in Spring and Klein ISDs begin as early as kindergarten. Students gradually learn more of their non-native language and conduct a portion of the school day in each language.

### Studies cited by Spring ISD show dual-language classes:

- Enhance cognitive development
- Raise achievement test scores
- Improve graduation rates
- Provide bilingual skills in adulthood

### LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN CLASS

#### Spring ISD

##### GRADE K/1



##### GRADE 5



#### Klein ISD

##### GRADE K-5



SOURCES: KLEIN ISD, SPRING ISD, THOMAS AND COLLIER/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

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3	Beneke	MS	695	62%	69%	72%	84%	68%	74%	89%	73%	32	
4	Booker	MS	844	69%	75%	57%	69%	39%	69%	73%	65%	26	
5	Burchett	MS	802	63%	66%	61%	78%	52%	74%	73%	59%	26, 29	
6	Clark	MS	768	48%	50%	40%	58%	28%	58%	60%	44%	27, 28	
7	Cooper	MS	791	73%	76%	68%	87%	46%	86%	93%	89%	29	
8	Eickenroht	MS	962	62%	79%	49%	61%	45%	65%	78%	76%	26, 27, 29	
9	Heritage	MS	667	52%	60%	52%	65%	41%	58%	65%	56%	28	
10	Hirsch	MS	711	73%	77%	57%	63%	35%	76%	69%	59%	26	
11	Hoyland	MS	797	45%	48%	40%	52%	31%	54%	57%	52%	27, 29	
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21	Reynolds	MS	727	72%	76%	67%	79%	62%	75%	90%	73%	32	
22	Salyers	MS	723	56%	54%	46%	55%	40%	66%	55%	56%	31, 32	
23	Smith	MS	620	69%	73%	64%	72%	50%	74%	83%	78%	26	
24	Thompson	MS	678	75%	63%	61%	66%	51%	74%	86%	60%	28, 32	
25	Winship	MS	533	82%	87%	66%	77%	54%	74%	90%	80%	31	

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				Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Science		Social studies
★	State average	N/A	N/A	66%	76%	72%	71%	67%	76%	78%	74%	64%	N/A
26	Bailey	MS	1,269	53%	55%	60%	56%	57%	58%	64%	64%	42%	35
27	Bammel Middle	NR	1,391	33%	44%	48%	37%	35%	49%	41%	46%	25%	33, 36
28	Claughton	NR	1,264	42%	45%	57%	48%	51%	63%	57%	61%	37%	33, 36
29	Dueitt	MS	1,162	54%	63%	59%	58%	58%	67%	63%	65%	51%	35
30	Roberson	MS	921	87%	86%	77%	78%	68%	75%	82%	80%	52%	N/A
31	Twin Creeks	MS	1,104	59%	73%	70%	65%	67%	69%	75%	69%	54%	33, 35
32	Wells	MS	1,087	53%	49%	56%	52%	46%	58%	58%	66%	47%	33, 36

HIGH SCHOOLS		2017-18 accountability rating	2017-18 enrollment	*2017-18 STAAR PASSING RESULTS BY GRADE				
				End-of-course—all students				
				Algebra I	Biology	English I	English II	U.S. history
★	State average	N/A	N/A	83%	87%	60%	66%	92%
33	Dekaney	NR	2,363	53%	63%	29%	34%	77%
34	Early College Academy	MS	417	100%	100%	98%	98%	99%
35	Spring	MS	3,075	66%	80%	46%	55%	84%
36	Westfield	MS	2,987	64%	66%	40%	42%	88%
37	Wunsche	MS	1,199	84%	92%	67%	75%	95%

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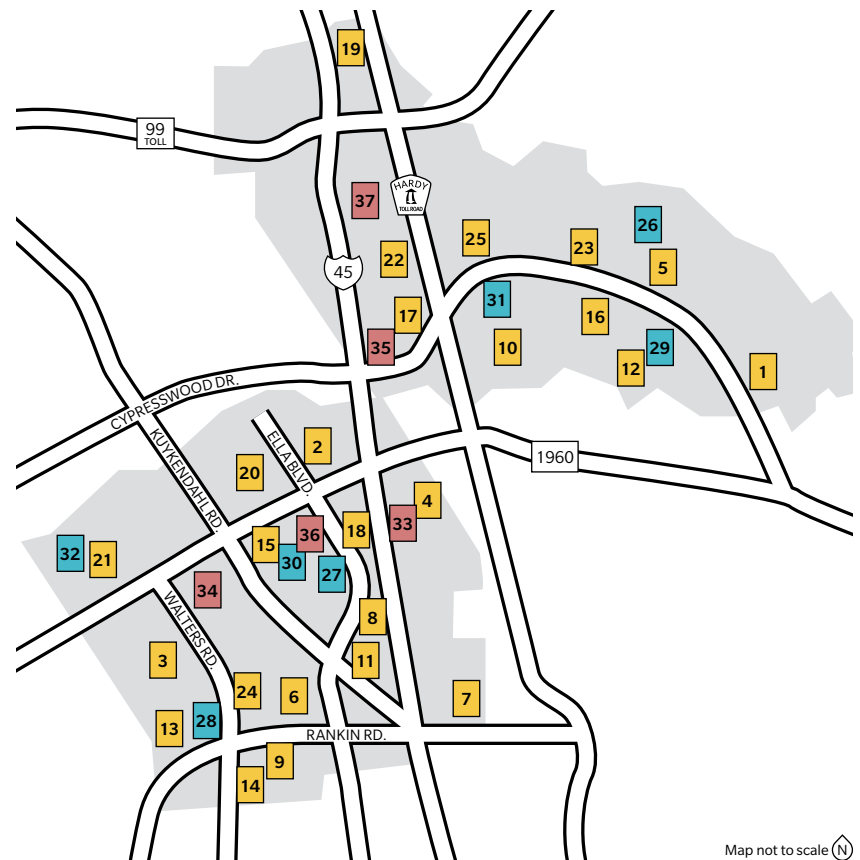
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### 2017-18 SPRING ISD A-F ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS

OVERALL	STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT	SCHOOL PROGRESS	CLOSING THE GAPS
NR	D	C	D
A	D	F	NR
B			
C			

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## 2017-18 DISTRICT PASSING SCORES

### END-OF-COURSE—ALL STUDENTS

ENGLISH I	ENGLISH II	ALGEBRA I	BIOLOGY	U.S. HISTORY
47%	51%	69%	74%	86%

### 2017-18 DISTRICT STAAR PASSING SCORES BY GRADE

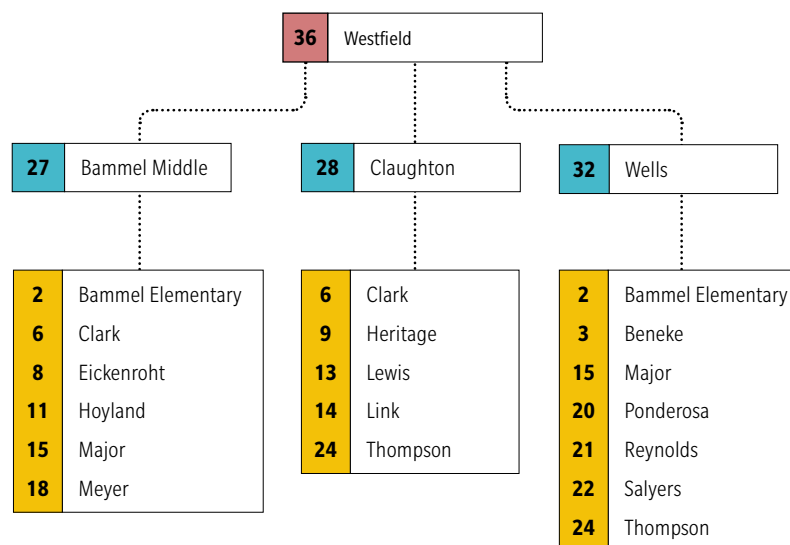
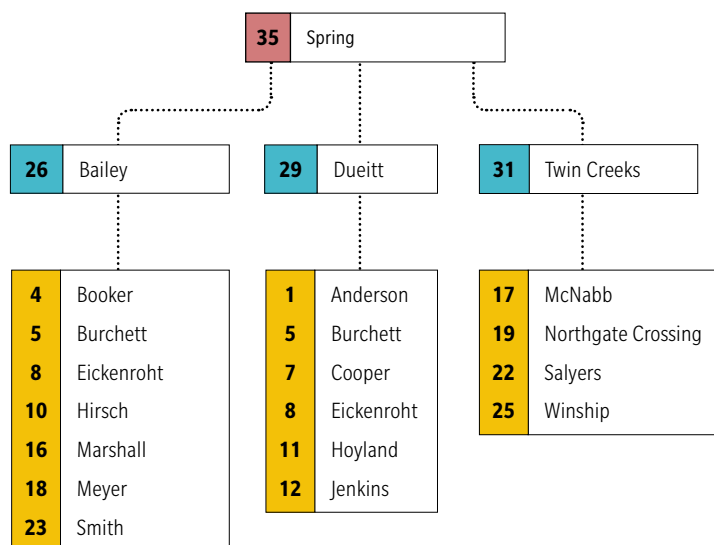
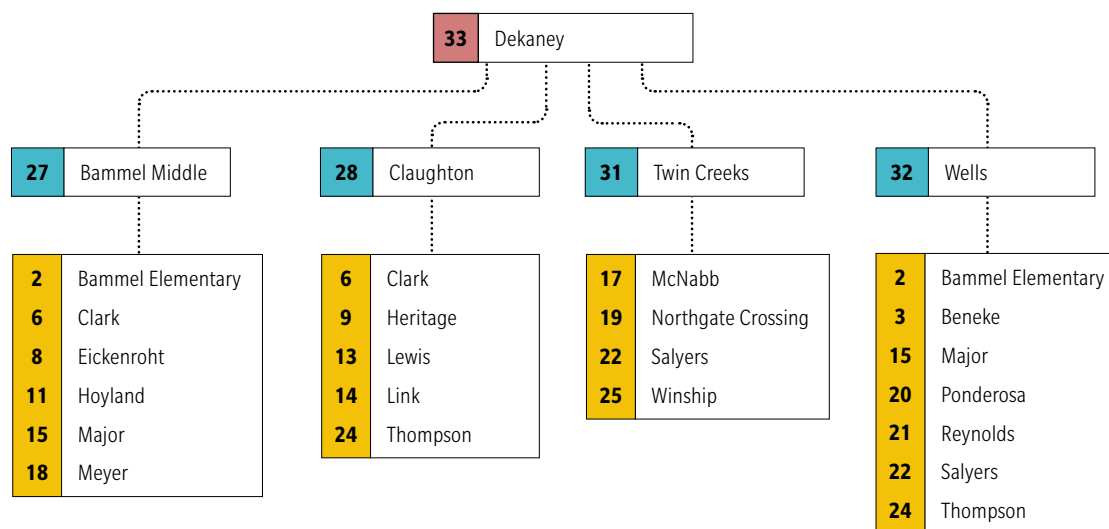
GRADE	3	4	5	6	7	8
READING	64%	57%	69%	53%	61%	63%
MATH	66%	68%	75%	58%	56%	63%





# SPRING ISD

## FEEDER PATTERN



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## KLEIN ISD

## SCORES, RATINGS AND BOUNDARIES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS		2017-18 accountability rating	2017-18 enrollment	*2017-18 STAAR PASSING RESULTS BY GRADE									Feeder schools
				3rd		4th			5th				
				Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Writing	Reading	Math	Science		
★	State average	N/A	N/A	76%	77%	72%	78%	61%	78%	84%	75%	N/A	
1	Benfer	MS	825	85%	77%	74%	86%	65%	77%	88%	72%	39	
2	Benignus	MS	792	90%	90%	90%	92%	86%	96%	98%	94%	37	
3	**Bernshausen	MS	905	76%	75%	65%	74%	N/A	77%	82%	65%	34, 37, 40	
4	Blackshear	MS	1,042	80%	83%	70%	69%	58%	85%	83%	72%	40	
5	Brill	MS	758	79%	79%	84%	93%	77%	91%	98%	93%	35, 40	
6	Ehrhardt	MS	743	76%	88%	72%	83%	64%	80%	92%	81%	35	
7	**Eiland	MS	542	69%	74%	55%	74%	N/A	70%	89%	81%	36	
8	Epps Island	MS	657	65%	67%	57%	75%	47%	65%	78%	60%	36	
9	Frank	MS	693	94%	89%	89%	95%	84%	93%	94%	90%	32	
10	French	MS	675	97%	95%	94%	93%	84%	99%	100%	98%	34	
11	**Greenwood Forest	MS	735	58%	82%	65%	65%	N/A	69%	77%	60%	41	
12	Hassler	MS	783	94%	97%	86%	90%	84%	98%	98%	94%	32, 37	
13	Haude	MS	729	85%	85%	86%	87%	82%	88%	94%	78%	39	
14	Kaiser	MS	740	69%	75%	52%	63%	46%	76%	81%	68%	41	
15	Klenk	MS	821	82%	71%	66%	76%	63%	85%	96%	79%	41	
16	Kohrville	MS	669	84%	87%	80%	83%	69%	84%	90%	79%	40	
17	Krahn	MS	746	88%	90%	84%	93%	77%	89%	92%	89%	32, 35, 40	
18	Kreinhop	MS	953	85%	87%	72%	87%	70%	85%	97%	88%	38	
19	Kuehnle	MS	882	86%	91%	82%	90%	76%	83%	85%	75%	35, 37	
20	Lemm	MS	683	84%	82%	78%	78%	61%	86%	82%	87%	39	
21	Mahaffey	MS	748	79%	85%	78%	87%	71%	87%	92%	79%	33, 34, 37	
22	McDougle	MS	573	73%	75%	81%	85%	65%	86%	94%	77%	36, 41	
23	Metzler	MS	863	83%	88%	85%	93%	76%	96%	98%	91%	34	
24	**Mittelstadt	MS	865	73%	79%	74%	72%	N/A	81%	92%	81%	35	
25	Mueller	MS	882	84%	88%	77%	83%	66%	85%	89%	75%	33, 37, 38	
26	Nitsch	MS	777	59%	61%	59%	54%	34%	61%	66%	66%	36	
27	Northampton	MS	567	79%	81%	81%	86%	69%	80%	94%	72%	33	
28	Roth	MS	709	75%	82%	75%	88%	70%	80%	81%	70%	38	
29	Schultz	MS	655	85%	87%	80%	87%	74%	85%	95%	85%	33	
30	Theiss	MS	661	92%	90%	89%	94%	84%	96%	98%	97%	32	
31	Zwink	MS	1,283	88%	92%	74%	89%	66%	77%	97%	76%	33, 38	

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32	Doerre	MS	1,309	85%	86%	86%	91%	82%	90%	87%	83%	75%	42, 43
33	Hildebrandt	MS	1,345	79%	82%	80%	83%	76%	80%	75%	86%	67%	44, 46
34	***Hofius	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	43, 46
35	Kleb	MS	1,356	77%	78%	76%	79%	75%	83%	80%	80%	72%	42, 43
36	Klein Intermediate	MS	1,107	49%	69%	59%	62%	45%	58%	63%	52%	37%	45
37	Krimmel	MS	1,384	79%	75%	78%	85%	73%	87%	83%	86%	77%	42, 43, 46
38	Schindewolf	MS	1,495	76%	75%	80%	82%	72%	83%	77%	84%	71%	42, 44
39	Strack	MS	1,369	73%	72%	80%	85%	75%	87%	89%	89%	86%	42, 44
40	Ulrich	MS	1,283	67%	71%	76%	77%	75%	78%	74%	80%	61%	43
41	Wunderlich	MS	1,629	57%	78%	64%	67%	53%	67%	78%	72%	58%	45

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42 Klein	MS	3,683	78%	90%	69%	75%	96%
43 Klein Cain	MS	1,400	80%	93%	76%	76%	N/A
44 Klein Collins	MS	3,629	73%	87%	64%	74%	94%
45 Klein Forest	MS	3,708	66%	78%	43%	53%	91%
46 Klein Oak	MS	3,938	82%	91%	71%	77%	97%

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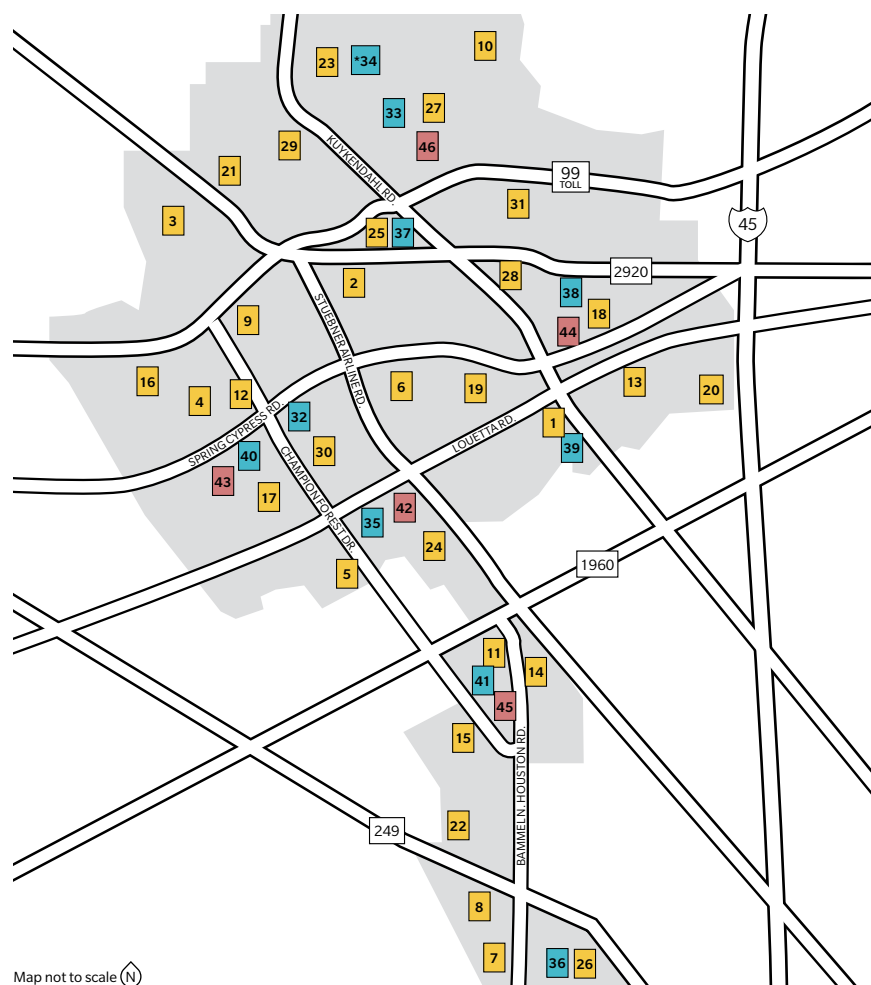
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**B**

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT** **B**  
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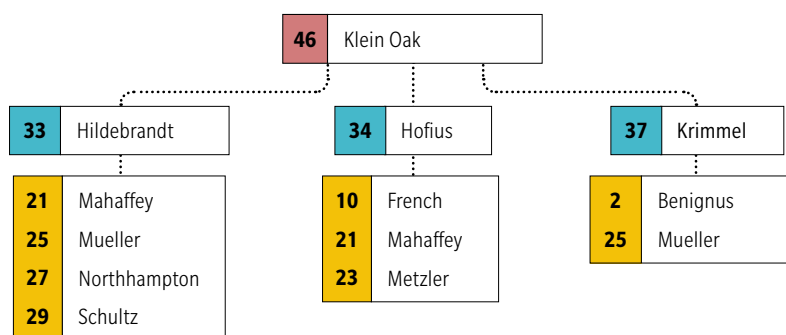
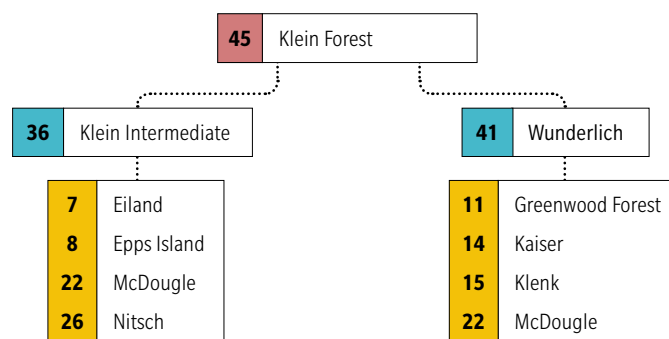
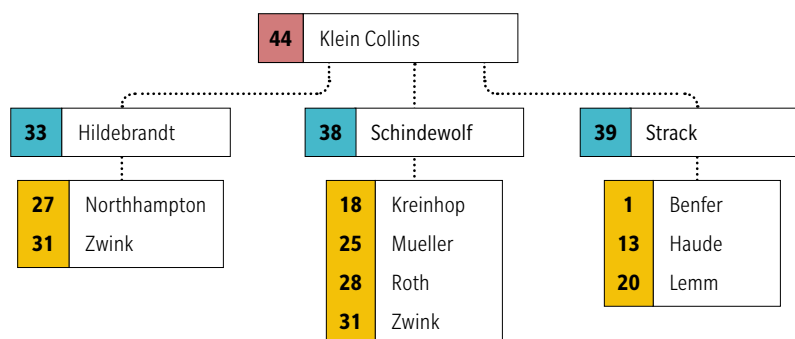
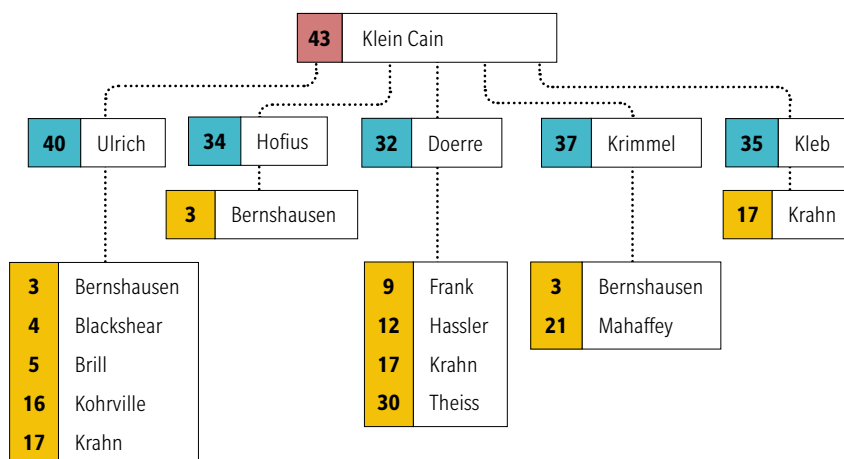
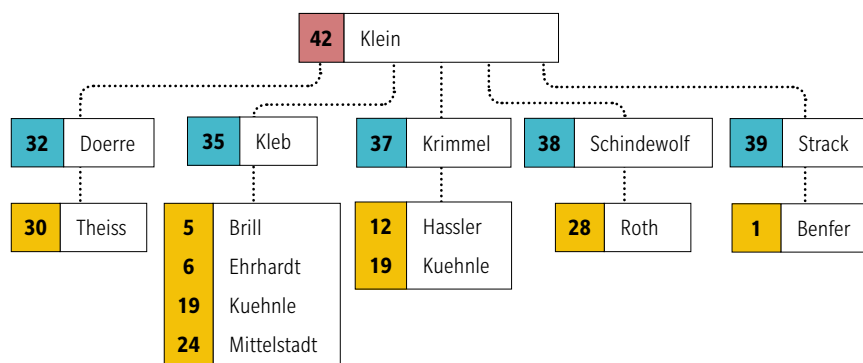
## 2017-18 DISTRICT STAAR PASSING SCORES BY GRADE

GRADE	3	4	5	6	7	8
READING	81%	76%	84%	71%	76%	79%
MATH	83%	83%	90%	76%	79%	78%



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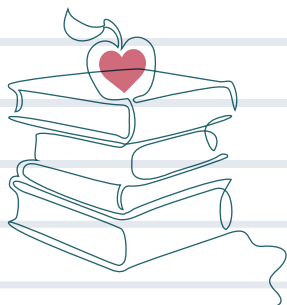
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# PRIVATE SCHOOL GUIDE


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A noncomprehensive guide to private schools in the Spring and Klein area in 2018-19.

## Abercrombie Academy

17102 Theiss Mail Route Road, Spring  
281-374-1730  
[www.abercrombieacademy.com](http://www.abercrombieacademy.com)

**Grades:** preschool-5

**Enrollment:** 100

**Extracurricular activities:** art, computing, drama, gardening, music, philanthropy, Spanish, student council, taekwondo, technology

**Tuition:** \$4,650- \$11,990 annually

## The Banff School

13726 Cutten Road, Houston  
281-444-9326  
[www.banffschool.org](http://www.banffschool.org)

**Grades:** pre-K-12

**Enrollment:** 156

**Extracurricular activities:** honor societies, student council, piano classes, musical theater, mentoring program, athletics, academic competitions, art

**Tuition:** \$4,323-\$12,881 annually

## Concordia Lutheran High School

700 E. Main St., Tomball  
281-351-2547  
[www.clhs-tx.org](http://www.clhs-tx.org)

**Grades:** 9-12

**Enrollment:** 565

**Extracurricular activities:** academic team, fine arts, chemistry club, drumline, fishing, Future Farmers of America, Interact, praise band, multimedia/videography, NHS, speech and debate, student council, year-book, athletics

**Tuition:** \$12,444-\$13,404 annually

## Founders Christian School

24724 Aldine Westfield Road, Spring  
281-602-8006  
[www.founderschristian.org](http://www.founderschristian.org)

**Grades:** K-12

**Enrollment:** 125

**Extracurricular activities:** art, athletics, chess club, music, speech

**Tuition:** \$8,250-\$9,750 annually

## Frassati Catholic High School

22151 Frassati Way, Spring  
832-616-3217  
[www.frassaticatholic.org](http://www.frassaticatholic.org)

**Grades:** 9-12

**Enrollment:** 260

**Extracurricular activities:** athletics, NHS, Faith Life, Pier Giorgio Service Program, service projects by grade level, fine arts

programs

**Tuition:** \$14,250 annually

## Great Oak School

715 Carrell St., Tomball  
281-516-7296  
[www.greatoakschool.org](http://www.greatoakschool.org)

**Grades:** infant-grade 7

**Enrollment:** 100+

**Extracurricular activities:** art, foreign languages, gardening, handwork, music, woodworking

**Tuition:** \$5,200-\$12,400 annually

## The John Cooper School

1 John Cooper Drive, The Woodlands  
281-367-0900  
[www.johncooper.org](http://www.johncooper.org)

**Grades:** pre-K-12

**Enrollment:** 1,242

**Extracurricular activities:** academics, athletics, Empty Bowls hunger relief, Habitat for Humanity homebuilding projects, leadership activities

**Tuition:** \$21,810-\$26,950 annually

## Legacy Preparatory Christian Academy

9768 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands  
936-337-2000  
[www.legacypca.org](http://www.legacypca.org)

**Grades:** pre-K-12

**Enrollment:** 436

**Extracurricular activities:** football,

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## SUMMER 2013

First residents occupy luxury apartments and single-family homes

## FALL 2013



15-acre tree farm is planted for sustainable landscaping

## SUMMER 2014

Nature Preserve, and initial parks and trails unveiled



## SUMMER 2014



ExxonMobil completes their new global campus

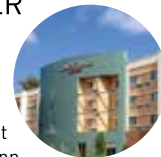
## FALL 2015

A joint station opens for Spring Fire Department and Cypress Creek EMS



## SUMMER 2016

Marriott Courtyard and Marriott Residence Inn are unveiled



## WINTER 2014

Southwestern Energy opens doors to new headquarters



## FALL 2015

CHI St. Luke's Health opens world-class medical campus



## SPRING 2016

Grand Parkway (SH-99) completes segment through the community



## SUMMER 2017

First residents move into The Mark at CityPlace luxury apartments

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basketball, volleyball, track, cheerleading, cross-country, swimming and diving, dance team, drumline, baseball, praise band, art, drama, choir, NHS, student council  
**Tuition:** \$5,400-\$9,700 annually

#### Northland Christian School

Preschool and elementary campus  
 2700 FM 1960, Houston

High school campus  
 4363 Sylvanfield Drive, Houston  
 281-440-1060  
[www.northlandchristian.org](http://www.northlandchristian.org)

**Grades:** pre-K-12  
**Enrollment:** 550

**Extracurricular activities:** musicals, choir, debate, drumline, interscholastic competitions, orchestra, robotics, sports  
**Tuition:** \$9,900-\$15,900 annually

#### Providence Classical School

18100 Stuebner Airline Road, Spring  
 281-320-0500  
[www.pcsclassical.org](http://www.pcsclassical.org)

**Grades:** pre-K-12  
**Enrollment:** 405

**Extracurricular activities:** athletics, mock trial, science and math olympiad, student council, yearbook  
**Tuition:** \$5,700-\$12,720 annually

#### St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School

7901 Bay Branch Drive, The Woodlands

281-296-0300  
[www.staopcs.org](http://www.staopcs.org)

**Grades:** pre-K-8  
**Enrollment:** 470

**Extracurricular activities:** athletics, band, choir, theater production, community service projects, NJHS, spirit club, broadcast journalism, multimedia technology, speech, robotics, campus ministry team  
**Tuition:** \$7,850-\$8,065 annually

#### St. Edward Catholic School

2601 Spring Stuebner Road, Spring  
 281-353-4570  
[www.stedwardschool.org](http://www.stedwardschool.org)

**Grades:** pre-K-8  
**Enrollment:** 300

**Extracurricular activities:** athletics, band, choir, NHS, student council, drama and science clubs, competitive chess team  
**Tuition:** \$6,780 annually

#### Trinity Klein Lutheran School

18926 Klein Church Road, Spring  
 281-376-5810  
[www.trinityklein.org](http://www.trinityklein.org)

**Grades:** infant-grade 8  
**Enrollment:** 700

**Extracurricular activities:** athletics, chess club, fine arts, leadership classes, NJHS, robotics, dance, drama  
**Tuition:** \$8,500 annually

#### The Woodlands Christian Academy

5800 Academy Way, The Woodlands  
 936-273-2555  
[www.twca.net](http://www.twca.net)

**Grades:** pre-K-12  
**Enrollment:** 650

**Extracurricular activities:** athletics, fine arts, Interact, Student Council, NHS, NJHS, Spanish club, girls science club, music, Bible study, Latin Club, sports  
**Tuition:** \$13,725-\$23,170 annually

#### The Woodlands Prep International School

27440 Kuykendahl Road, Tomball  
 281-516-0600  
[www.woodlandsprep.org](http://www.woodlandsprep.org)

**Grades:** preschool-12  
**Enrollment:** 200

**Extracurricular activities:** athletics, honor societies, production and design, music, field hockey, karate, coding  
**Tuition:** \$17,950-\$24,800 annually

#### The Woods Private School

15002 Lakewood Forest Drive, Houston  
 281-370-8576  
[www.thewoodsprivateschool.com](http://www.thewoodsprivateschool.com)

**Grades:** infant-grade 5  
**Enrollment:** 350

**Extracurricular activities:** taekwondo, soccer, ballet, art, chess, French, sewing class  
**Tuition:** Call for tuition



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SUMMER  
 2017

Gas, pharmacy and quick-serve restaurants are in place



FALL  
 2018

Marriott CityPlace completes its full-service showcase hotel



FALL  
 2018

ABS occupies new global headquarters in CityPlace



FALL  
 2018

CityPlace Plaza opens for public concerts, events, and picnics



COMING IN  
 2019

CityPlace 1 completes multi-tenant office building with street level retail



FALL  
 2017

15+ restaurants, services, and Kroger grocery open at The Market



FALL  
 2018

HP Inc. moves into new 12-acre office campus



COMING IN  
 2019

Star Cinema Grill unveils dine-in theatre in CityPlace



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## Monte Mast

Klein ISD director of fine arts

**T**he 2018-19 school year marks Monte Mast's 12th year as Klein ISD's director of fine arts.

### What are your responsibilities and duties as fine arts director?

Fine arts are a critical part of student success. We know that students who participate in arts often improve their achievement in other areas of learning and life. The fine arts team collaborates with campuses to ensure our students are exploring their creativity and innovating in their chosen fine arts paths. Our job is to make sure that campuses have the resources they need so that our students can exit our system college or career ready with a purpose for their future. Klein ISD offers instruction in the disciplines of visual art, theatre arts, dance and music.

### What new initiatives or programs have been introduced to the department?

In the past 10 years, we have increasingly integrated technology into our fine arts courses. For example, band directors used to print coordinate sheets to show students in marching band where to go on the field. Now campuses are experimenting with smartphone and tablet apps that can instantly send each student their coordinates, saving time and paper. Klein ISD is also committed to ensuring that every student has access to fine arts in every grade level. In the past 12 years, we have hired an elementary art teacher for every campus. The commitment Klein has made to our



students is an awesome testament to the importance our community places on the arts.

### How does KISD's fine arts program stand out?

The scope of the arts are so vast. We are making sure our programs evolve and stay on the forefront of providing our students an experience that allows them to continue being involved in the arts after they leave us. Whether it is simply as a consumer of the arts or as someone who makes it their profession, we want our students to have cultivated a lifelong love of the arts. Klein ISD has a national reputation as being one of the best public school districts for cultivating artistic talents. Our graduates are graphic designers, fine arts teachers, symphony musicians, professional dancers, video game designers, composers, faculty at Berklee College of Music and The Juilliard School, leads in Broadway productions and Grammy Awards recipients. Once someone wins an Oscar, we'll have the grand slam.

## Joe Clark

Spring ISD director of performing and visual arts

**J**oe Clark begins his sixth year as Spring ISD's director of performing and visual arts.

### What are your responsibilities and duties as head of the performing and visual arts department?

I oversee and support the curriculum, instruction and program assessment for all visual art, band, choir, general music, dance and theater at all grade levels. Our department is also partnering with professional organizations such as the Alley Theatre, the Houston Symphony and Houston Arts Partners to collaborate in professional development for our teachers and to offer engaging experiences for our students. Through these partnerships, I believe we will have more than enough resources when we all come together for our students. My goal is to provide those opportunities for all of us to come together.

### What new initiatives or programs have been introduced to the department?

This school year we are implementing our precursor to arts integration [an educational approach where core content is taught through the arts] for our elementary schools. This precursor, arts intragration, allows fine arts teachers to work together and master their integration skills before approaching the core content teachers. In 2019-20, we will fully implement arts integration by allowing our fine



arts teachers to lead the integration with the core content teachers. At the secondary level, we're excited about introducing districtwide, collaborative performances this year, such as a concert that features performances by all band students grades 6-12 and all choir students grades 6-12, or all three high school marching bands performing their shows and then coming together for a collaborative performance at the end. Also this year we are also planning to surprise our community with a major event in May that will involve every program in the Performing and Visual Arts Department, grades K-12.

### How does Spring ISD's fine arts program stand out?

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# DISTRICTS TAKE ACTION

Gov. Greg Abbott made a series of safety recommendations in his School and Firearm Safety Action Plan released May 30, less than two weeks after a deadly shooting event at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas. Some of his recommendations had already been implemented in Spring and Klein, and others have come about following the release of this plan.

SOURCES: GOV. GREG ABBOTT'S SCHOOL AND FIREARM SAFETY ACTION PLAN, SPRING ISD, KLEIN ISD/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### SPRING AND KLEIN ISD ACTIONS

<b>1 Collaborate with local law enforcement.</b>  Harris County Precinct 4 constable's office is working with Spring, Klein and other area ISDs to deploy 300 constable deputies in areas with schools.	<b>2 Better prepare campus security to respond to active shooters.</b>  Klein ISD has trained 250 constable deputies in the last two years as part of a summer program, and it is providing professional development for staff in active-shooter training.	<b>3 Improve infrastructure and design of Texas schools to reduce security threats.</b>  Klein ISD locks exterior doors on elementary school campuses and has controlled access at the front doors. It is also adding security vestibules on each campus. Spring ISD also employs secure vestibules and visitor management systems.	<b>4 Enhance school safety and ensure additional behavioral health services are available to students on-campus.</b>  Spring ISD has added a director of mental health and related services position since the Santa Fe shooting event. Both Sisd and Kisd now provide tools for reporting threats and harassment.
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Beyond the brick, mortar and technological improvements needed in the schools, however, districts are also introducing tools and procedures for students to report bullying and threats this year. And for the second year, KISD offered active-shooter training for other law enforcement agencies as well as their own officers this summer.

"We treat all threats seriously," Sisd Police Chief Victor Mitchell said. "Whether they are being made from inside or outside our schools, we are going to take the necessary steps and use all our resources to investigate every threat thoroughly and respond as needed."

#### FACILITIES, POLICE PRESENCE

On May 30, Gov. Greg Abbott released the School and Firearm Safety Action Plan in the wake of the deadly May 18 school shooting at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas, that claimed 10 lives. The plan includes at least \$70 million in grants available from the governor's Criminal Justice Division to implement strategies to improve security, resources and

training in the 2018-19 school year.

Locally, Spring and Klein ISDs have planned new positions, initiatives and personnel to deal with a range of needs from securing facilities to providing additional mental health support for students, district officials said.

KISD added six police officer positions to its roster of full-time officers, bringing the total to 54 full-time officer positions this year. Each new officer costs the district about \$50,000, not counting equipment costs, KISD Police Chief David Kimberly said.

In June, voters rejected KISD's Tax Ratification Election, which called for a 9 cent increase to the district's tax rate and would have included \$5 million to accelerate some of the district's planned security measures, including secure vestibules at all campuses and elementary school perimeter fencing. Although the measure failed, Kimberly said those improvements will still take place on a slower schedule.

Another way KISD has responded to concern over school safety and police preparedness is its rapid response training program, Kimberly said. KISD has trained 250 Harris County Precinct 4 constable's office

deputies as well as its own personnel to respond to active-shooter events in the past two years, he said.

"They are in the same neighborhoods we are," Kimberly said of the constable's deputies. "If we have an event, we want to make sure they are trained to enter the building."

The districts already work closely with other law enforcement agencies in the region.

Harris County Precinct 4 Constable Mark Herman said he has worked with districts in the precinct, including Spring and Klein, to provide additional coverage to school campuses from the 300 of the precinct's deputies who patrol the area. The deputies offer patrol and traffic enforcement at campuses where it is needed and incorporate campus coverage into their beats, but will increase the amount of time they spend on campuses this year, he said.

"That is in response to the sign of the times," Herman said. "It's not like it was 30 years ago. You're seeing more and more of these people that are upping the game if you will, so I think it's important that we in law enforcement think outside the box."

Kimberly said he is also meeting with every member



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of campus faculty and staff and providing professional development on active-shooter response.

Recent bond projects have also supported SISD's emphasis on safety. The \$330 million bond referendum approved by SISD voters in 2016 included \$18 million for safety items, including the purchase and renovation of a new police department building and updated equipment for police vehicles.

Other security measures in SISD schools during this school year include additional walk-through metal detectors in secondary and specialty schools. The district also now requires both middle and high school students to use clear or mesh backpacks, SISD Chief Operations Officer Mark Miranda said.

"We believe these procedures provide an extra level of security to our safety plan, which is continually being evaluated," Miranda said.

## RESPONDING TO THREATS

School-based threats are on the rise nationally and in Texas, according to statistics from several education organizations. The Educator's School Safety Network—a nonprofit organization specializing in safety training from an education perspective—reported a 62.11 percent increase in school-based threats nationally between fall 2016 and fall 2017.

Meanwhile, the Texas Education Agency reported an increase at the state level, with 41.76 percent more terroristic threats made in Texas public schools from the 2013-14 school year to the 2016-17 school year.

Klein ISD recorded 76 terroristic threat investigations in 2017-18—more than twice the 30 reported occurrences in 2016-17. In Spring ISD, the number of incidents recorded increased from 20 incidents in 2016-17 to 41 in 2017-18. District officials said they are being proactive to respond to all threats rapidly and have developed tools to expedite response.

Kimberly said he believes the increased number of threat investigations came about because of better reporting, in part because KISD launched the Keep Klein Safe campaign on its website this year, providing answers to basic safety questions and a tool for individuals to report threats.

"I'd like to thank our parents and students for keeping us apprised," Kimberly said of the increased reporting. "It's a community effort."

SISD has also launched a new anonymous bullying reporting tool on the district website in response to

these concerns, and in 2017, it began using a service called Social Sentinel to monitor social media posts for threatening words or phrases, Miranda said.

School staff also received additional training, said Beth Gilleland, KISD executive director of college and career pathways.

"Counselors, nurses and other personnel were provided with more opportunities this past year and summer as these opportunities increased in the community. This allows for staff to provide the best response to any situation students may encounter in their lives," Gilleland said.

## MENTAL HEALTH, RESTORATIVE DISCIPLINE

In addition to police training and facility improvements, schools are evaluating the mental health services they provide and examining alternatives to punishments that isolate and alienate students.

For example, SISD began offering Youth Mental Health First Aid training in 2017-18, said Denise Zimmermann, SISD director of mental health and related services. Her position was created after Abbott released his report in May.

"The YMHFA trainings were implemented last school year for district staff as well as community members to prepare them to evaluate and assist with a young person experiencing a mental health crisis," Zimmermann said. "Since the district began offering the classes last spring, more than 150 people have participated."

Another approach schools are considering is the use of restorative discipline as a preventative measure.

SISD worked with the Harris County Department of Education on HCDE's restorative discipline program. Implemented in Bammel Middle School in the 2017-18 year, the program has had a positive effect on student behavior, said Ecomet Burley, director of HCDE's Center for Safe and Secure Schools.

Restorative discipline uses conversation to mediate conflicts and to talk to students about the source of problems rather than immediately using punishment and isolation as consequences, he said. As a result, the number of office referrals and suspensions decreased at the school by about 50 percent, he said.

"You develop a sense of community, connectedness; and in many cases, kids who were committing violent acts—they were outliers and feel isolated—don't feel connected," Burley said.

## A DIFFERENT APPROACH

The Harris County Department of Education launched a pilot program at Bammel Middle School in Spring ISD in 2017-18 to use restorative discipline measures to prevent violent or disruptive behavior. Restorative discipline methods focus on building a dialogue with students to talk through the conflicts, rather than doling out punishment.

1 Build relationships to create a sense of belonging



2 Hold students accountable to build responsibility



3 Restorative conferences talk through the issue to build social engagement



SOURCE: CENTER FOR SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOLS/COMMUNITY IMPACT NEWSPAPER

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

When the 86th Texas Legislature convenes in January in Austin, it will likely consider a number of measures relating to school security, Kimberly said.

The Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security, formed this year, issued a report Aug. 6 detailing its charges to the Legislature. These include improving the infrastructure and design of Texas schools; studying improvements to school security options and resources; and examining the root causes of school shootings, such as mental health and substance abuse, according to the report.

Kimberly said he hopes new safety and security requirements for schools from the upcoming legislative session are not unfunded mandates.

"When you add something like that you have to take something else away that may be scheduled," he said. "It may mean carpet in a building this year or replacement of a roof or AC system. You have to replace them to stay going, so all that does is push those projects back if we move the money."

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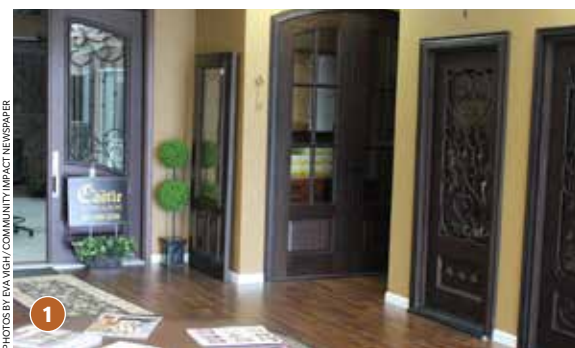
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**1:** The store sells mahogany, wood, fiberglass and decorative glass doors, among other varieties. **2:** Castle Doors' showroom features fully installed and functional doors. **3:** Tom Regan opened Castle Doors & More in March 2017 in Spring.

## Castle Doors & More

Spring store saw influx of customers after Hurricane Harvey

BY EVA VIGH

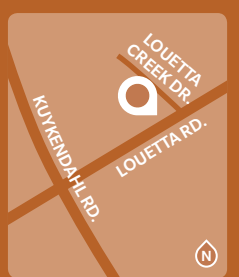
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**Wood:** Wooden doors are sought after for their natural look but can wear down in extreme weather.

**K**eeping a small specialty store afloat in a sea of big-box retailers requires attention to detail and close relationships with customers, Castle Doors & More Owner Tom Regan said.

Regan opened the store in March 2017 to sell and install exterior residential doors made from materials such as wood, fiberglass and iron.

The business orders doors from a variety of manufacturers to meet specific customer requests and installation requirements, he said.

"I compare our store to the big-box stores the way you'd compare a hamburger joint to a steakhouse," Regan said. "It's not that we're that much more expensive, but the quality is just so much better."

Castle Doors showcases doors that are fully installed and functional so customers can better visualize what they will look like in homes, he said.

Regan said he strives to anticipate customers' needs when possible. For example, he once replaced an old tile beneath the doorway entry with a customized one at no extra cost. He has also reinstalled

doors for free that did not meet quality expectations.

"If it's not done right, I will incur the cost to make it right," he said. "I care so much about having that kind of customer satisfaction."

A significant number of customers first came to Castle Doors after Hurricane Harvey when many homeowners with damaged property were searching for new doors, Regan said. He noted that because homeowners typically prioritize repairs like drywall and flooring before purchasing new doors, he expects customers affected by Harvey to continue to arrive in the near future.

"Right now about 20 percent of our customers are Harvey victims," he said. "[Even] three years from now, we'll have customers buying a door that they wouldn't need to buy if it hadn't been for Harvey."

Natural disasters aside, Regan said his impetus is to keep customers happy.

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#### HAROLD: Are their concerns valid?

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## Ambriza Social Mexican Kitchen

Authentic dishes served at Day of the Dead-themed eatery

**A**mber Garcia, co-owner of Ambriza Social Kitchen, said she strives to serve authentic Mexican dishes that reflect the diverse culture and food of Mexico. Garcia, who was born in Texas, and her husband, Julio, who immigrated from Mexico, opened Ambriza in October 2016 as a jointly owned business.

The menu features made-from-scratch Mexican dishes, which Garcia describes as a modern twist on traditional food. She also said she steers away from Tex-Mex items commonly found in other restaurants that are not native to Mexico.

"We don't—we won't—sell chile con queso," she said, referring to the popular melted cheese dish.

The duo draws inspiration for the menu from their travels to Mexico, where they frequent places like Veracruz, Oaxaca and Mexico City.

"When we go to Mexico, we are looking for something different," Garcia said. "[Most Mexican restaurants] always have the same thing ... our menu is very diverse."

Garcia said quality and presentation is also key to standing out in dishes like the cochinita pibil open tamal, which is a pork shank decoratively wrapped in a plantain leaf. Ambriza's margaritas, she added, use top-shelf tequila and freshly squeezed juice.

The restaurant is decorated with Day of the Dead-themed paintings and skulls of La Calavera Catrina, known as Mexico's Grand Dame of Death, adorning the walls. Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos, is a Mexican holiday that celebrates life and has significant cultural and historical significance. Through this theme, Garcia said she wants to send a message of hope and welcome to patrons as well as staff.

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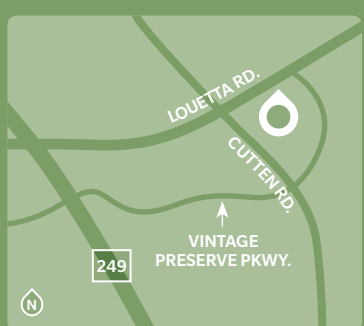
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Spring and Klein are home to multiple theater and performing arts groups.

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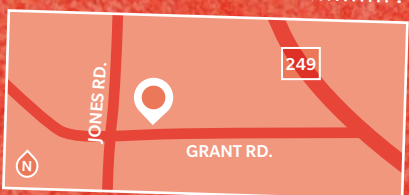
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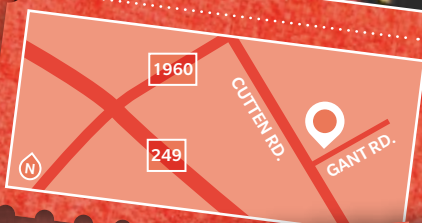
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overall sales have been pretty steady in 2018 so far."

The August storm also flooded The Centrum, a performance space at Cypress Creek Christian Community Center on Cypresswood Drive. The flood displaced nonprofit group Cypress Creek Foundation for the Arts and Community Enrichment, which used the venue for its live performances. The organization's annual budget dropped from \$592,200 in 2017-18 to \$531,155 in 2018-19 due to an inability to confirm venues, Cypress Creek FACE Director Nanci Decker said.

Prior to Harvey, Cypress Creek FACE's annual budget—about half of

which is composed of ticket sales—had risen from \$454,656 in 2014-15.

Sammy Green, president and director of community theater group Playhouse 1960, said these financial upswings and downturns are part of the performing arts industry.

"There are ups and downs. When times are rough financially for the country, theater tends to sit on the back burner," Green said. "If you have to cut something out of your budget, going to the theater is going to lose over [patrons] going to the grocery store."

This year, theater and performing arts groups in Spring and Klein credit their patrons with helping them stay in business—and even prosper—despite these challenges. Local theater groups attribute high income levels and increasing interest in the arts across Harris County with the community's support for live performances.

"I think the socio-economic quality of the area lends itself to [supporting the arts]. People are able to travel more, go to the theater more," Green said. "Hand in hand with that goes an appreciation for arts."

For example, the mean household income in ZIP code 77388, which includes the Cypress Creek Cultural District, was \$100,843 in 2016, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The state's mean household income at that time was only \$77,585.

## SURVIVING THE FLOODS

Throughout Spring and Klein, several theater and arts buildings flooded during Harvey but are slated to open in the near future. The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts on Cypresswood Drive, which flooded last year, is expected to reopen in mid-October, Director of Development Clara Lewis said. The museum will open with the exhibition "An American View Revisited," which showcases Pearland collector Chip Hosek's collection of American art.

The Centrum performance space is still undergoing repairs. Renovation efforts have focused on areas used primarily by the Cypress Creek Christian Church, said Norma Lowrey, executive director of the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, which owns the building. The center is not yet in a position to address renovations of The Centrum, she said.

Cypress Creek FACE moved its office from Cypresswood Drive to Louetta Road and has continued to present music and theatrical performances

with the help of its partners since last fall. Cypress Creek FACE had 41 concerts booked when the August storm hit but only had to cancel three events, said Decker from Cypress Creek FACE.

Decker has already begun to lay the groundwork for the 2019-20 season, and she said she hopes to showcase a wide range of genres to be interesting and appealing to the audiences. The unwavering support of patrons, Decker said, has remained unchanged throughout the years.

"[Performing arts has] been growing, but like any other industry, it's had its peaks over the years ... when times are tougher, we have a harder time selling tickets," she said. "The one constant has always been the backbone of supporters in the community who want us to stay here."

## RAISING THE CURTAINS

Not all theater companies recover from the industry's cyclical downturns. In August 2016, the Texas Repertory Theatre closed its doors on Stuebner Airline Road in Spring, citing financial reasons, according to former board members. The professional theater had operated for 11 years, presenting musicals, comedies and dramas.

"Our season ticket sales [in 2016] were about 25 percent of previous years. Some major grants of as much as \$20,000 did not materialize," said Larry Lipton, who was on the theater's board prior to its closure. "The bottom line is that we ran out of money."

In July, the Texas Repertory Theatre reopened under Artistic Director Steve Fenley, who said community support for the theater is still strong. Following its closure, Fenley helped start the production company Redbird Productions to generate seed money. Redbird held a fundraiser and music performance last year, which raised enough funds to help kick-start the new theater company, he said.

The theater is initially operating as a touring show performing at a variety of local area venues throughout the summer and fall, which began at The Lanier Stone Chapel on Hargrave Road in July. In the first one-act show, "God's Megaphone: A Visit with C. S. Lewis," Fenley portrays the early 20th-century Christian theologian and novelist.

"God's Megaphone" is designed to work whether it is in a fully operational theater with lighting or whether it is in a meeting room without those facilities," he said.

The show sold out on the first weekend, Fenley said.

"We've had half a dozen churches

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One performance group, Stageworks Theatre, based on Grant Road in Houston, lost thousands of dollars in ticket sales after Harvey because many of its patrons' homes had flooded, but ticket sales resumed in November and December, Stageworks Theatre Artistic Director Michael Montgomery said.

"We took a big hit. We had to cancel four or five shows," he said. "I think



inquire about bringing the show to their church," he said.

The mobile production helps trim costs by limiting rent fees, which was the theater's largest expense prior to its closure, sitting at \$100,000 annually, Fenley said. It also creates a new paradigm where the product is brought to the consumer, he said.

"We can take the show to the audiences, rather than the reverse, so it's possible to expose nontraditional theatergoers to the work," he said.

#### CHANGING CONTENT

As theaters largely depend on box office sales to operate, keeping ticket prices reasonable is key, Green said.

"There have been years where we wondered whether or not we were going to be able to keep going," she said. "I think that's normal in the swing of theaters."

Ticket prices at Stageworks Theatre have risen due to higher operating costs, such as increasing rent, licensing fees and expenses for stage supplies like makeup, Montgomery said. In its 2015-16 budget, the theater's total expenses were \$655,137. By 2017-18, they grew to \$694,077.

"Five years ago, a ticket to come see a main stage show was probably about

\$23," he said. "Today, they're \$28."

However, he said Stageworks has maintained ticket prices in the past two years and even slightly reduced season ticket prices, mainly through more efficient budgeting practices.

This spring, Stageworks Theatre launched a one-year partnership with the Lone Star College System to co-produce 14 performances at the LSC-CyFair Center for the Arts. The collaboration is an opportunity for both entities to expand to new markets and audiences in the area, Montgomery said.

Meanwhile, Montgomery said he believes local viewers are beginning to be more receptive to nontraditional community theater content. When Stageworks opened in 2005, it mainly produced family-friendly performances. But he said the growing open-mindedness of its patrons has enabled the theater to stage productions like "A Few Good Men," which has mature language, and "Bonnie and Clyde," which has sexual references.

"[These plays] would not have been performed three or four years ago," he said, adding there is still backlash.

In the past few years, the number of season ticket holders has declined, likely due to the controversial content, he said. In response, Stageworks

changed its yearly subscription packet to allow viewers to purchase multiple tickets for one show instead of having to attend all eight performances.

For its part, Playhouse 1960 makes strategic decisions on ticket prices based on the community's ability to spend money, Green said.

"We needed to raise our prices last year just a little bit, but we sat down and said, 'This is not the year to raise our prices because that was right when Harvey hit,'" she said.

Playhouse 1960 primarily finances its productions through big-hit performances, or blockbusters, like "Into the Woods," "Willy Wonka" and "Grease," which allow the theater to put on smaller pieces, she said.

The theater seats about 150 people, and blockbuster performances average between 100 and 125 audience members per performance, while smaller plays run from 45 to 50 in attendance, she said.

"I like to have a blend of one or two new works every season where audience members walk away and think about what they've seen and how it affects them," she said.

For more information, visit [communityimpact.com](http://communityimpact.com).

## UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

There are a variety of local shows and performances slated for this fall.

### CYPRESS CREEK FACE

**Oct. 7:** Sir James Galway in concert. Klein High School, 16715 Stuebner Airline Road, Spring. 6 p.m. \$45-75.

### PLAYHOUSE 1960

**Sept. 14-30:** "The World Goes 'Round." 8 p.m. (Fri.-Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.) \$18-\$21.

**Sept. 26-Nov 11:** "Moonlight and Magnolias." 8 p.m. (Fri.-Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.) \$18-\$21.

### STAGWORKS THEATRE

**Sept. 7-30:** "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress." 7:30 p.m. (Fri.-Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.) \$17-\$25.

### TEXAS REPERTORY THEATRE

**Sept. 28-29:** "God's Megaphone: A Visit with C. S. Lewis." Christ the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 801 E Main St., Tomball. 8 p.m. \$25.

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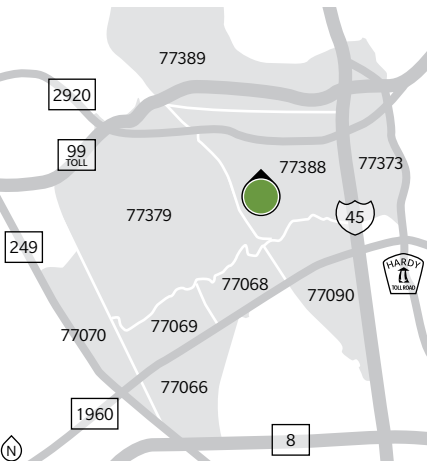
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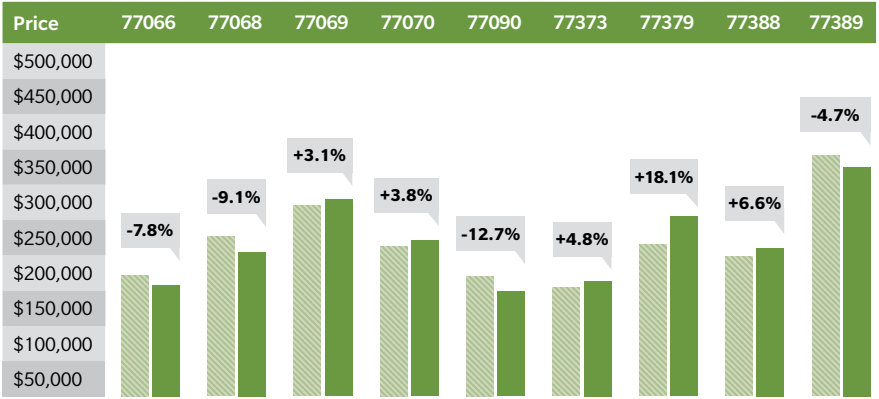
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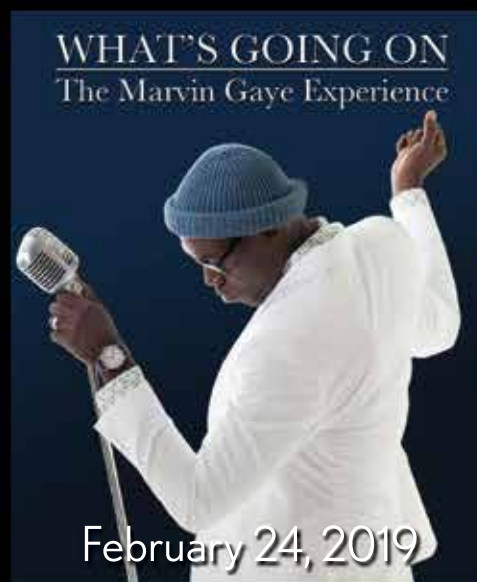


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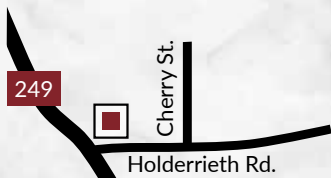
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