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About Harvin

Harvin C. Moore grew up in Houston's Briarcroft and River Oaks neighborhoods and attended HISD's Grady Elementary School. He also attended River Oaks Elementary School and Lanier Junior High School during their first years as Vanguard schools. After graduating from St. John's School in 1982, he earned a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Northwestern University and a master's degree in business administration from New York University. A former national bank examiner for the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Moore has worked in finance, marketing, and consulting in Houston for the last 14 years. He now serves as head of finance and operations for STE Inc., a Houston aerospace company.

Moore, who began volunteering his time and expertise in public education in the mid-1980s, has tutored and taught at-risk students in the East Harlem Tutorial Program in New York City and in HISD through Communities in Schools, Junior Achievement, and Kids

Hope USA. He has served on the boards or advisory boards of the KIPP Academy, Teach for America, the Houston Teachers' Institute, the Neuhaus Education Center, the Reading Institute for Teacher Excellence, and the Powell Foundation. Moore has also served as Grant Director for Public Education at the Powell Foundation, where he led a six-month research project on reading curricula and teacher training for at-risk elementary students. After that review, he was trained in four of the primary reading methodologies used in HISD. He currently serves on the boards of the HISD Foundation, the Texas Lyceum, and the steering committee of Preschool for ALL.

Moore and his wife Janet have a seven-year-old daughter and a nineteen-month-old son and are active members of the Church of St. John the Divine, which Moore has attended since he was a child. Harvin was a member of Boy Scout Troop 55 at St. John's in the 1970s and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He also played baseball in the Post Oak Little League.



Let's keep reform on track. Demand MOORE.

Dear Friend:

It has been my pleasure serving you on the HISD Board of Education over the past two years. This is an elected but volunteer position, and while it has been hard work, I am rewarded by the success we have had in raising both achievement and efficiency – *and reform is back on track in the HISD.*

The last two years have seen significant increases in efficiency, achievement and transparency in Texas' largest school district. We made a successful transition to a new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Abe Saavedra, who has already begun making needed changes in personnel, policy, and organizational structure. We have closed schools that could not operate efficiently and expanded others. We have instituted major changes in accountability, achievement, conflict of interest policies, and performance expectations. And, the Board of Education is operating with a unity and commitment to a common vision that has not been seen before. The work ahead of us is hard – but we have a team in place that can take the HISD to the next level.

HISD is now in the middle of a large rebuilding program that was approved overwhelmingly by voters in 2002. All across Houston, aging schools are being renovated, repaired, or replaced, with over \$58 million invested in District VII alone. I will insist that HISD's management of these vital public funds be efficient.

Almost every school in District VII is operating at or above capacity, and almost half are rated either Recognized or Exemplary under Texas' challenging new accountability system. I firmly believe in strong neighborhood schools. Outstanding schools that have the confidence and participation of their neighborhoods hold our community together, and are the key to a strong future economy.

As your elected Trustee of the Houston Independent School District, I pledge to continue to demand the best from our schools, and to speak honestly, openly, and tirelessly to ensure our public education system is not only the best in the country, but is successfully preparing all its students for successful lives in a changing world. Thank you for helping me do this important work. I would appreciate your vote on November 8.

Harvin C. Moore
 Trustee, District VII
 HISD Board of Education



On Tuesday, November 8, demand MOORE
Re-elect HARVIN MOORE
 HISD Trustee District 7



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The HISD is Improving—but more change is needed!



Preschool for All

Harvin demanded and created a framework for tuition-based preschool to be offered in the HISD alongside its award winning preschool programs for disadvantaged children – at no cost to taxpayers. This fall, for the first time, HISD schools are delivering a top quality preschool education at a competitive tuition rate – an alternative to private preschool.

New Schools

More than \$58 million is now being spent within District VII on new and replacement schools and badly needed repairs and upgrades to existing schools. Opening in just four months, the new School at St. George Place will serve students of Briargrove Elementary for one year, and then serve the Afton Oaks, Larchmont, and St. George neighborhoods. Lead by one of Houston's most successful principals, this new school will be one of the finest schools in Houston. Construction of the new Briargrove Elementary will begin in January 2006 and be complete one year later. Pilgrim Elementary is moving from Larchmont to a new location near Lee High School in the same time frame. Construction at River Oaks Elementary began this summer to renovate the aging infrastructure and to replace temporary buildings with a new wing. In the Lazybrook/Timbergrove area, Sinclair Elementary is undergoing a \$6 million renovation. All in all, history will mark 2005-2006 a historic time for the building of top quality public schools in District VII.



Full, Successful Schools

Almost every school in District VII is operating at or above capacity. While presenting challenges, this is an indication of the success of these schools at meeting the needs of the community. Only a decade ago, many of these schools were seriously under-enrolled, and River Oaks and Grady actually closed their neighborhood programs completely. Now those two schools have more students and a more demanding curriculum than ever before, and their future is brighter than ever. Eight schools in District VII area are rated either Recognized or Exemplary. I pledge to continue to build and support top quality neighborhood schools.

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Harvin congratulates Lamar's 2005 Valedictorian.

High School Reforms

Houston's high schools need major structural reform. Our mega high schools, though highly successful academically, are too large and are losing their neighborhood appeal. We must shrink them, creating more personalized learning communities. These schools are already havens of academic achievement, with hundreds of International Baccalaureate Diplomas and National Merit Scholarships awarded every year. In the past two years, the number of HISD students taking AP tests has risen by 34% to 7,189. I strongly support offering more to, and demanding more than ever from, our best students, while encouraging more students than ever to achieve at advanced levels. I support comprehensive end of course examinations, more dual credit partnerships with our community colleges and universities, and increased internship opportunities in industry. We have come far, but we can achieve so much more for our next generation.

School funding

The HISD is more lean than two years ago—the budgets I supported and which passed included more than \$67 million in budget cuts over the past two years, while increasing teacher pay and incentives by \$54 million. Unfortunately, the cuts were mostly a result of the continued decline in State funding to Houston's schools. As your property values increased by over 50% in the past five years, the State has utilized an outdated and unfair funding formula to decrease its share of the cost of educating Houston's children by almost the same amount. Texas now pays only 13% of the cost of public education in Houston—leaving 87% on the backs of property owners like you and me. Over the past five years, this system has replaced an aggregate of more than \$500 million dollars of state funds with local property taxes in HISD alone. That \$500 million was your money, and it belonged in your schools. I am very disappointed at the failure of our State to rectify this inequity, because it is costing you continued high property taxes while robbing Houston's schools of vitally needed funds. Our public schools must be adequately funded by sources that fairly spread costs across the entire state economy. In the meantime, I will continue to demand increasing efficiency and higher achievement with available funds.



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