**Call Your DISD Board Member --**

**Support Allowing DISD High Schools to Opt Out of Class Ranking**

**Call Before the Next Board Briefing Meeting on May 14th**

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1. **Placing the call:**
	1. Click [**here**](http://www.dallasisd.org/domain/679)**[[1]](#footnote-1)** to get your board member’s phone number. The name of his/her administrative assistant is also available on this contact page.
	2. If you do not know which DISD Board Member represents you, click [**here**](http://www.dallasisd.org/domain/456)**[[2]](#footnote-2)** to see maps of the districts.
2. **What to say initially:**
	1. Tell the person who answers the phone that you are a constituent and that you wish to speak to someone regarding a proposed district policy change. Be ready to provide your name and address if they ask.
3. **Points to Make:**
	* Ask your board member to **support the policy change regarding high school class rank** that would give DISD high schools the option to choose between ranking and not ranking all of their classes.
	* The policy change will simply **allow each school to** **choose** whether to rank its classes in the same manner that the district currently uses or to eliminate rankings altogether if that is in the best interest of its students.
	* The current policy, which forces all schools to rank their classes, **disadvantages all students in any high school (comprehensive or otherwise)**who fall outside of the top 10% or 25% of their class.
	* **Top schools and districts all across the state and nation have eliminated class ranking**, including Austin, Highland Park, Westlake, Southlake, and the vast majority of private schools. It’s time that DISD moves forward as well.
	* This proposed improvement **was on the April Board Briefing Agenda but was postponed** due to the meeting running too long and policy items never being discussed as stated.
	* Ask your board member to do whatever is possible to **ensure that this policy change** -- which is crucial to increasing student outcomes across Dallas ISD -- **will discussed at the May 14th Board Briefing** and that your board member votes to implement the policy change so that it can take effect beginning this Fall.
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