

BOARD UPDATE

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RECOGNITION

• **Laura Gonzalez**, Galena Park High School, has been named a National Hispanic Recognition Program 2008-09 Scholar. She was recognized for her exceptional academic promise along with approximately 5,000 of the highest scoring students from a nationwide total of 200,000 who took the 2007 PSAT and identified themselves as Hispanic. The National Hispanic Recognition Program is an academic competition established in 1983 to provide recognition for outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students.

• **Christopher Boutte, Angelica Holt, Ellis Island and Samantha Whittington**, North Shore Senior High, have been named National Achievement Scholars in the National Achievement Scholarship Program. These students were recognized for their exceptional academic promise along with approximately 4,700 Achievement Scholars throughout the nation. The National Achievement Scholarship Program is an academic competition established in 1964 to provide recognition for outstanding Black American high school students.

• **Mark Welborn, Emory Ellis and Bob Campbell**, from the Maintenance Department for their exemplary job performance during a surprise asbestos inspection from the Texas Department of Health Services on August 26, 2008. District facilities passed the inspection with flying colors. The state inspector was very impressed with the district's record keeping and that the district was able to provide all documentation requested. The District's asbestos management plan was first implemented in 1988.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

• **Billy Foster**, principal at Cunningham Middle School, presented information regarding the programs offered at Cunningham.

REPORTS

• **Richard Gates**, director of new facilities and planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

• **Project No. 907-2008 - Safety Storefronts**

Approved award of contract to KG Commercial in the amount of \$279,000.00 as presented. This project includes the installation of secondary security doors/walls at the following campuses: Cimarron Elementary, Jacinto City Elementary, North Shore Elementary, Pyburn Elementary, Woodland Acres Elementary, Tice Elementary and Cunningham Middle. These security doors will force all public visitors to the main office and prevent access to classrooms.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

• **Authorized** Harris County to draft the 2009 Law Enforcement Agreements as presented.

• **Approved** Proposed Budget Amendments for the month of October 2008, as presented.