

****SPANISH EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE SURVEY ****

Dear BHE Families,

A committee of BHE parents is working to gather information about implementing Spanish Language Instruction at BHE. Volunteers have interviewed principals and teachers at campuses that have programs in place, (Mills, Casis, Zilker, Bryker Woods, Pease, etc.), to better determine the curriculums, costs, scheduling and efficacy of their programs. Implementing Spanish Language Instruction into the school day would be entirely funded by Barton Hills families as AISD does not fund Foreign Language study until middle school. Student fees would be a substantial portion of the funding.

We understand that the school's first responsibility to the students is to meet goals set forth by the State and District, and we want to align BHE's Spanish program with these goals as much as possible. We hope this survey will provide an opportunity for discussion where you share your thoughts and concerns with us. We can then better address ways to create the right Spanish Program for BHE. *(One vote per parent. Please turn the survey in to the Spanish Committee Survey box in the office by October 7th, 2010.)*

1. Do you believe learning a Foreign Language is important for elementary-aged students?
 - a. Yes
 - b. Not sure
 - c. No

2. Would you support implementing a Spanish program within the school day at Barton Hills Elementary?
 - a. Yes, very supportive
 - b. Yes, somewhat supportive
 - c. No, against
 - d. No preference

3. Would you donate money to a Spanish Teacher Fund?
 - a. Yes
 - b. Maybe
 - c. No

4. On average, other schools request \$125 per student, per year. What level of contribution are you able to give to the Spanish fund per year?
 - a. None
 - b. \$50
 - c. \$100
 - d. \$150
 - e. \$200+

5. Would you be willing to sponsor students unable to contribute?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

6. If you donate to the Spanish Teacher Fund, how will this affect your contributions to other PTA programs?
 - a. I will continue to donate at the same level I currently do
 - b. I will give less to other programs in order to afford the Spanish Program fee
 - c. I will no longer be able to contribute to other PTA programs
 - d. I do not donate to Annual Fund/PTA Fundraisers, so this doesn't apply to me

7. How soon would you like to see an in-house Spanish class taught at Barton Hills Elementary?

8. Comments? Concerns? (Feel free to write on the back of this page.)

We appreciate your attention and time, and invite you to join us at the next Spanish Exploratory Committee Meeting on **Monday, September 20th** in the BHE Library at 5:45pm. Looking forward to hearing from you and sharing what we've learned!