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Hempstead High School Celebrates 2025 Top Ten Percent



Hempstead High School proudly announces the Class of 2025 Top Ten Percent students. These outstanding students have

demonstrated remarkable dedication to their studies, earning them well-deserved recognition within their graduating class.

Leading the way as the Valedictorian of the Class of 2025 is Andrew Salinas, and the Salutatorian is Jasmine Rodriguez

Santos.

The top ten percent academically ranked students in the Hempstead High School Class of 2025 are:

- Andrew Salinas
- Jasmine Rodriguez Santos
- Jesus Garza
- Mischa Martinez
- Iriya Hogan
- Yoselin Bocanegra
- Ellie Drabek
- Will Peterson
- Victor Grijalva
- Collin Mayes
- Emely Galvan

These accomplished students have not only excelled academically but have also made significant contributions to the school and community through their involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership roles, and service projects.

As the academic year draws

to a close, the top ten percent of students look forward to their May 23, 2025, graduation ceremony, where they will be celebrated for their extraordinary accomplishments.

Additionally, as we continue to celebrate the Class of 2025, we want your help!

Hempstead ISD is proud of each of our seniors, and we are committed to honoring our students' hard work and accomplishments as the Class of 2025. Seniors, please take a moment to share your post graduation plans with Hempstead ISD. We will highlight your submissions via social media. Please tag us in your celebratory senior posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram by using #BobcatsClassof2025. Fill out our Senior Spotlight Google Form on www.hempsteadisd.org.

URGENT!! CONCERNED CITIZENS OF HEMPSTEAD

Submitted by: Concerned Citizens of Waller County

Why was this kept quiet and why were the citizens of this town not given an opportunity to voice their concerns before now?

This will adversely affect the citizens of Hempstead, Riverwood Subdivision, residents on Jozwiak Rd, Ranches of Clear Creek and everyone that lives within that area with increased traffic congestion, noise, light and air pollution, crime, higher taxes and lowered property values and so much more.

I encourage you to take action now!! DO your research and express your opinion! TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!

CALL YOUR LOCAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD.

Recently, a Texas House Bill was introduced that allows for the creation of a special im-

provement district, within Waller County, that appears to provide public funding for a 200+ acre area just south of Hempstead.

A notice to this effect was published in the Houston Chronicle on March 20, 2025- the text of this notice is provided below. We note that the notice was NOT published locally in Waller County.

The notice was paid for by TexasLand USA, LLC who, according to their website (<https://www.texaslandusa.com/the-dream>), have the aim ("The Dream") of creating a large Texas-themed amusement park.

It appears that this aim and the area specified in the notice are one in the same. The area specified is right down the road from many of us, and we are very concerned that the amusement park will negatively affect our property values, drive traffic

increases, increase crime and encourage other development that tends to follow these theme parks, all of which would be detrimental to our area.

The House Bill (HB 5685) will provide for public tax dollars to be diverted for the benefit of the theme park. <https://legiscan.com/TX/bill/HB5685/2025>

We strongly suggest that Waller County citizens who are also concerned reach out to our elected officials, including our State Representative Stan Kitzman, who sponsored the bill, Senator Lois Kolkhorst, the Hempstead EDC, and our Precinct 1 Commissioner John Amsler, to let them know you do not support the district creation and do not want tax dollars of any kind going to fund this theme park development.

Aside from the notice posted in the Houston Chronicle there

have been no other public notices. While the end of the legislative session is approaching soon, you can give notice to your elected officials to listen to your voice when making decisions.

Contact information for each: **Senator Lois Kolkhorst** District 18

<https://www.senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=18>

Rep. Stan Kitzman

Texas House District 85 <https://www.house.texas.gov/members/4280>

Precinct 1 Commissioner - John Amsler Waller County <https://www.co.waller.tx.us>

Houston Chronicle March 20, 2025

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE A BILL IN THE LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS

Notice is hereby given of the intention to introduce in the

Regular Session of the 89th Legislature of Texas a bill creating and establishing a special district in Waller County, under the provisions of Article XVI, Section 59; Article III, Section 52; and Article III, Section 52-a of the Constitution of Texas and pursuant to the inherent power of the Legislature to create special governmental agencies and districts, with powers including those given to municipal management districts created pursuant to Chapter 375, Texas Local Government Code. The bill will provide for the district's administration, powers, name, duties, operation, and financing. The district is proposed to include approximately 226 acres +/- generally located west of FM 1887, east of Highway 159, north of Jozwiak Lane, and south of FM 3346.

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