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## PIPEline Plays a Pivotal Role in SBISD Board Election

Houston, TX - Today members of <u>PIPEline</u>, <u>Parents for Improved Public Education</u>, attended the swearing in of three new Spring Branch Independent School District (SBISD) Board of Trustees, Lisa Alpe (Position 5), John Perez (Position 6), and Caroline Bennett (Position 7). PIPEline, a grassroots parents' organization, was the leader and catalyst for change empowering and giving parents back control of their school district. The group played a pivotal role in two SBISD Board of Trustee elections. First, in 2021 PIPEline organized and went to work to elect the first candidate for change, Chris Earnest (Position 4). Knowing there was more work to be done, the group continued to work tirelessly on behalf of parents and students. On May 7, 2022, through hours of hard work hundreds of volunteers, PIPEline and the voters in SBISD elected Alpe, Perez, and Bennett with a record voter turnout of almost 14,000 people.

PIPEline advocates for academic excellence, transparency, accountability, improved literacy, the removal of politicized agendas in classrooms, and age-appropriate curriculum in SBISD. PIPEline believes in partnering with district administrators, teachers, and the diverse neighborhood communities in our district to provide every child with opportunities for success.

PIPEline was organized in 2020 in response to virtual education and parents recognizing that schools were no longer serving the parents and the students. PIPEline, made up of many parents with children currently enrolled in SBISD, banded together to work for in-person education. Today, PIPEline is made up of approximately 1,000 members.

As part of the election effort in 2022, PIPEline founded Spring Branch Families PAC to support candidates who share our values for public education for all as well as returning control of our schools back to the parents and out of the hands of activists with extreme agendas. The organization will continue to engage our grassroots team of volunteers and fight for parents and students to bring about the necessary changes in our schools as we prepare for the next round of SBISD Board of Trustee elections in May 2023.

## **About PIPEline**

PIPEline, Parents for Improved Public Education, is a united group of parents advocating for the best public education opportunities and common-sense governance of SBISD in Houston, Texas. The district currently serves 33,000 students in a community of over 193,000 residents. PIPEline is a diverse, grassroots group that has come together behind a common set of goals and principles. Our collective voice will ensure our community's strong values and tradition of excellence will not be lost.

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