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From the first day of school to the first Friday of the 2022-2023 school year, HCISD students and staff completed their first week of school.



## Dr. Belinda Reininger selected for Leadership TASB

By ASHLEY RODRIGUEZ

HCISD Board of Trustee and current Board Secretary Dr. Belinda Reininger was one of 27 school board leaders from across Texas selected to be part of the 2023 Leadership Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Class. Leadership TASB is a unique board develop-

ment program designed to take experienced board members to a new level of service and leadership by exposing them to a variety of issues, people, activities, and locations during a year-long program.

Class members are selected for demonstrated leadership in their local district and communities, and for their representation of the diversity of

Texas school districts.

Dr. Belinda Reininger is the Regional Dean of the UTHealth Houston School of Public Health in Brownsville and a Professor of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences. She has served on the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School Board of Trustees since May 2018.

## HCISD students experience Environmental Engineering Camp

By ASHLEY RODRIGUEZ

Harlingen CISD, in partnership with the College 1st Program, hosted an Environmental Engineering Camp for elementary and middle school students over the summer.

"My experience was great because we got to learn how to make wind turbines and also about the careers," Treasure Hills Elementary fifth-grader Onyekachi Obinwanne said.

The summer camp was part of the Beyond the Bell programming. Students who participated in the sessions learned about environmental engineering, how to help save the planet, and they even built wind turbines.



"This really inspired me into help my planet in ways that I didn't know that I could," Memorial Middle School sixth-grader Vincent Bridges said. "I also definitely look forward to being an environmental engineer in my future."

In addition, students learned about the various career pathways and scholarship opportunities.

"The most important thing I learned was the career pathway so that I can get to the right college. I also learned about scholarships and ways to learn to pay for college," Gutierrez Middle School of Arts and Sciences eighth-grader Vianey Delgado said. "I want to be successful because my parents made many sacrifices so that I can get a better opportunity in life, and I want to make sure to repay them back with my education."