



Texas Honors Circle
District Award

September 19, 2011

Mr. Richard Garza
Superintendent
Houston Gateway Academy Inc
3400 Evergreen
Houston, Texas 77087

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Dear Superintendent Garza:

I am writing to inform you that Houston Gateway Academy Inc has been named to the 2011 Texas Honors Circle. My office created this award to recognize Texas charter and public school districts and campuses that have achieved significant student academic growth while keeping spending relatively low.

Your district won this award by earning five stars in the Comptroller's 2011 Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST) ratings. Your district is among 46 school districts and charter school operators that have earned our highest rating by demonstrating both academic and financial effectiveness.

The FAST report is an annual analysis conducted by the Comptroller's office that evaluates both academic success and spending. As a 2011 Texas Honors Circle recipient, your district finished in the top 20 percent of all Texas school districts in terms of academic progress, while keeping spending among the lowest 20 percent of fiscally comparable districts. Your district will be featured on the FAST Web site at <http://www.fastexas.org>.

Congratulations on your award, and thank you for your hard work on behalf of Texas children and taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Susan Combs



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This award honors districts for successfully combining cost-effective spending with academic excellence. The Texas Comptroller's Honors Circle Awards recognize districts across Texas that achieve the highest level of student success and responsible fiscal management as determined by the Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST) report. Your efforts set an example of wise management of educational spending while preparing students for success in college or the work force — an effort crucial to the future of Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Combs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Susan Combs

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

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Congratulations.

You are part of an honored group of schools that have achieved levels of excellence in fiscal management, while at the same time maintaining strong student academic progress.

The high marks you have earned in this superior effort are good for your students' futures and that's good for the future of Texas.