Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2017,

We are quickly approaching our June 2 Travis High School graduation ceremony at the brand new Smart Financial Centre, and so we are writing today with an important update regarding transportation and parking at the venue.

Our goal is to celebrate our graduates' accomplishments in a big way – and Fort Bend ISD has been actively working with the City of Sugar Land and the Smart Financial Centre to ensure that our attendees get in and out of the facility in a timely manner and avoid traffic issues in and around the venue.

Please note the following two options for our parents and guests:

- **Option 1 (Recommended):** To avoid any unnecessary delays due to heavy traffic, families are highly encouraged to take advantage of the **free**, **air-conditioned shuttle service** from the campus. Fort Bend ISD will be reopening the Skyward Family Access reservation form through May 21, 2017 so that families can reserve seats on the complimentary shuttle service.
- **Option 2 (Limited, Pre-Paid Parking):** Based on recommendations from Sugar Land PD, the Smart Financial Centre, and FBISD, the decision has been made to pre-sell \$10 parking permits prior to the event, and to limit the sale of these permits to two (2) per graduate. Details about the purchasing process are below.

Additional Parking Permit Information:

- In order to purchase pre-paid parking, Travis High School families will need to visit <u>http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/3A00529AAEE5AC16</u> and enter their graduate's student ID and complete the transaction by May 21, 2017. The "hangtag" permits will be distributed to students by THS staff with distribution details to come. Note: The receipt provided through Ticketmaster is NOT a parking permit. The colors of the physical "hangtag" permits will be different for each FBISD school, and each campus will use a unique link provided by the SFC and Ticketmaster.
- Handicap access to the venue: Please note that all shuttles will be dropping off guests at the door of the venue, which is closer than the designated handicap parking spaces. Shuttles will be able to accommodate guests who require a wheelchair or other mobility assistance, and families are encouraged to reserve seats on designated shuttles. Families who park at the venue will need a pre-paid parking permit and a handicap placard.

Please know that as Dr. Dupre shared yesterday, we understand that the new venue presents new challenges, but working together with our City of Sugar Land, District and parent partners, we will be able to honor our graduates on their special day.

More information about FBISD's 2017 Graduation Ceremonies can be found at <u>www.fortbendisd.com/graduation</u>. We look forward to celebrating with you in less than a month!

Sincerely,

Julie Diaz Travis High School Principal