

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an upcoming virtual educational program for your 7th grader with the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum (DHHRM). Richardson ISD has a long-standing partnership with the Museum.

As a history museum that explores Upstanders in American and Texas history, the Museum's programming for secondary grades is developed by Texas certified teachers on their education team. The *What is an Upstander?* program allows students to explore what it means to be an Upstander and reflect on the impact of bystander behavior through learning about historical Texas Upstanders: Hector P. Garcia, Oveta Culp Hobby, Lyndon B. Johnson, Lulu Belle White, Juanita Craft, and Anita Martinez.

The *What is an Upstander?* program supports the skills outlined in Richardson ISD's Graduate Profile (value of others | real world connections - advocating for self and others | emotional intelligence - advocate effectively for self and form resilience in face of adversity) and the following Positive Character Traits required to be taught in 7th grade by the Texas Education Agency: courage, trustworthiness, integrity, respect and courtesy, fairness, responsibility, and good citizenship. The program also connects to the 7th grade Social Studies and English Language Arts curriculum and the following required Texas teaching standards (TEKS):

- Social Studies TEKS: 7.4, 7.6, 7.7C&D, 7.15B, 7.16, 7.17A, 7.18C&D, 7.20, 7.22A, 7.23
- ELAR TEKS: 7.6A, 7.7A&B

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this educational program, please do not hesitate to email Angie Lee at angie.lee@risd.org.