

From: [Susan Elmore](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Manuel Jr](#)
Subject: HSPVA, Recapture
Date: Monday, October 10, 2016 3:29:48 PM

Dear Mr. Rodriguez, thank you so much for your time today. I appreciated your guidance and thank you for your support of the gift.

With regard to the recapture issue, I would like to have some information I can share with the many different audiences that I know are passionate about education. Who can provide me with more info? Is there a webpage?

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From: [Susan Elmore](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Manuel Jr](#)
Subject: Re: Seeking your guidance
Date: Sunday, October 09, 2016 5:56:10 PM

It was great speaking with you. I'll see you at 10am. Susan

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 9, 2016, at 3:42 PM, Rodriguez, Manuel Jr <MRODRIGU@houstonisd.org> wrote:

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> Good afternoon. I am sorry Monday is already committed to my Alumni Scholarship Golf Tourny starting at 7 am. Maybe we can meet at 10 a.m. at the Tel-wink for coffee. Let me know if this works for you.

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> Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device

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> From: Susan Elmore

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> Date: Sat, Oct 8, 2016 5:09 PM

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> To: Rodriguez, Manuel Jr;

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> Subject: Seeking your guidance

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> Dear Mr. Rodriguez,

> Thank you for calling me back, and I am sorry that we haven't been able to connect on the phone yet. As I mentioned in my message yesterday, I am on the board of directors of HSPVA Friends and also am graduate of the school. I'm reaching out to see if we might be able to speak with you to discuss the HSPVA and the gift offered by the Kinder Foundation. Because you are President of the HISD Board of Trustees, it would be wonderful to have your guidance in advance of the agenda meeting on Monday. I have heard you sometimes have breakfast at the Tel-Wink Grill. Would it be convenient for you if we joined you on Monday for a short conversation? If so, please let me know a good time. We can also be available during the weekend if that is better, but I thought Monday morning might be more convenient for you.

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> The Kinder Foundation, HSPVA Friends and HSPVA's leadership are all very aware that the gift must be approved by the board and as president of the HISD Board of Trustees, no doubt, you have the most insight into how other trustees view the gift and related naming opportunity.

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> As you know, the bond budget challenges forced HISD to eliminate a substantial number of things (especially the features that are needed in a school focused on arts education), and HSPVA Friends stepped forward to raise private funds to make sure that those items could be restored to the project. With this gift, the school will be able to open with all the items included in the original building plan.

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> We worked carefully with HISD to make certain that the gift follows HISD policy, so this really could set an incredible example for others to follow. We also believe this is an exciting opportunity for the HISD board to show how a public-private funding partnership can help the district's dollars go farther, and all for the benefit of students who both need and deserve the best school we can provide to them. I am hopeful that this gift helps Houstonians and philanthropists see HISD Schools in a new light because it would be wonderful if other foundations and corporations began supporting HISD schools in this way.