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Dear Austin Independent School District Parents, Principals, Teachers and Pupils:

The Travis County Sheriff's Office, through its Building Bridges: Brick by Brick community agenda initiative, and the Austin Independent School District, are sharing the following "17 Questions" for accomplishing a Win-Win successful school year.

Goal: Each High School/Middle School/Elementary School Will Be A Blue Ribbon School	
Pupils (Students) 5 Questions	1. How am I doing in this class in terms of my attendance, behavior, and respecting my teacher and classmates? 2. What have I done to improve my level of study for this class? 3. What do I need to do today to pass this class? 4. How can my parents support me in passing this class? 5. How can my teacher support me in passing this class?
Parents (as Mentors) 5 Questions	6. Which of my child's classes will I visit this month? 7. When will I meet with my child's teacher to draft a "Stay in School" action plan in order to motivate my child to value education and stay in school? 8. What have I done to support my child's study habits for each class? 9. What support am I providing at home that gives my child the best opportunity to succeed in each class? 10. What supports do I need from my child's teacher to provide my child the best opportunity for success?
Teachers (w/support of Principals) 5 Questions	11. What are the strengths of each child and what strategies are successful in teaching this child? 12. What support do I need in order to strengthen and improve the relationship between the child and his/her parents? 13. Is there a program, service, or support that would benefit this child that I am overlooking? 14. What "win-win" actions can I take to give the child the best opportunity to be successful in my class? 15. What have I done to ensure that everything in my authority has been done for this child to provide the best opportunity for success?
Principals 2 Questions	16. What can I do to support my teachers in increasing student achievement? 17. What resources are needed on this campus to support student achievement?

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