



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Joshua Welborn sang songs of praise during the Hyland Center's "See You At The Pole" event on Wednesday.



Prayers for the United States and Texas and were led by Rubi Alverado.



Joining millions across the nation, Peter E. Hyland students broke into groups and prayed for their community, school, friends, and family on Wednesday morning.

## Hyland Center students gather for prayer event

The Peter E. Hyland Center, Goose Creek CISD's alternative high school for accelerated pace learning, hosted its first "See You at the Pole" on Wednesday morning.

The program was sponsored by the Peter E. Hyland Center's Christian Student Union (CSU). Other campuses throughout the district also participated in this program.

Hyland students were joined by faculty members, community supporters and students from Impact Early College High School.

See You at the Pole is a student-initiated and student-led movement that began in Texas in 1990 with a single church youth group. It is an annual gathering of Christian students of all ages at a flagpole in front of their school for prayer, scripture-reading, and hymn-singing before school starts.

Even though it is assumed by many that praying in school is illegal, it is protected by the U.S. Constitution and by the rulings of the courts.

"Converge" was the theme of this year's prayer rally which is celebrating its 21st anniversary of the student-initiated and student-led movement that started in the Fort Worth suburb of Burleson in 1990.

Organizers said the theme comes from Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

See You at the Pole has traditionally taken place in schools in all 50 states and has recently become a worldwide event. Last year, 20 other countries participated and an estimated 3 million students at all grade levels took part in the event.

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