

September 1, 2023

F. Mike Miles  
HISD Superintendent of Schools  
4400 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Superintendent Miles:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Our organization was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. We are the largest Women's organization in the world and today our worldwide membership exceeds 350,000.

Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, of which I am a member, was chartered in 1927 and has a current membership of over 500 college-educated women. Since our chartering we have been active in the community with one of our priorities being "Educational Development."

Recent reports indicate that as HISD Superintendent of Schools, you have developed a plan to eliminate librarians in the 28 schools that are under the New Education System (NES). The plan mentions repurposing the libraries at the 28 NES schools which are in communities attended by students from Black and Latino families with lower incomes. Access to a librarian with a wide-ranging selection of books can introduce students to life beyond their day-to-day and help them experience the world in a safe and nurturing environment.

While I am happy that most HISD students will keep their librarians and use of the facilities as they were pre-NES, it is unjust that all HISD students will not have the same access. I implore you to support the learning needs of all HISD students and change your plans to keep our librarians in all HISD schools.

Thank you for reconsidering this matter.

Respectfully submitted,