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Mayor Sylvester Turner
City of Houston
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Dear Mayor Turner:

Thank you as always for your service to our city and for your continued interest in the educational success of Houston children.

In an effort to make sure the Houston ISD community has access to accurate information and to provide you a clearer understanding of how New Education System (NES) and New Education System-Aligned (NES-A) schools will serve children, I would like you to join me at some of these campuses during the first week of school. You will see first-hand the unique attributes of this model and its ability to support student achievement.

The foundation of NES is equity – where the most disadvantaged students in Houston receive the most support. One of the unique components of the NES model is the Team Center – which is really the hub of differentiated instruction in an NES campus. This is where students who need extra support to catch up have access to more time with a teacher or learning coach, and those students who are ready to work ahead can take on more challenging lessons and assignments. The large central spaces provide students with several learning experiences which expand on their classroom instruction, including:

- Work in pairs or small groups.
- Work on differentiated assignments that align with their level of proficiency.
- Access to technology to re-enforce classroom lessons.
- Reading and working independently with the support of a learning coach.
- Continuous instruction when a child must leave the classroom environment.

In most campuses, we position Team Centers in libraries because they provide the physical space to support differentiated learning experiences and are centrally located within the campus itself. It also ensures children have access to technology alongside access to books and other reading resources.

We are excited to show all of this to you first-hand once the school year begins. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Mike Miles".

F. Mike Miles
Superintendent