Dear Houston MSTC HS Parents and Community Members,

I am writing this letter to formally introduce myself. I am Dr. Diego Linares, and I am pleased and honored to serve as the new principal of Houston MSTC High School. I am looking forward to connecting with you all through in-person conversations over the coming weeks.

Twenty years ago, I began my career as a bilingual educator at an elementary school in Houston. As I gained experience, I was presented with a valuable opportunity to become an assistant principal at a high school in that district. During that period, I studied and obtained a master's degree in educational leadership at the University of Houston-Clear Lake and I was able to become an elementary and a high school principal. Also, I completed my doctoral studies in educational leadership at the University of Houston and became a school support officer at Houston ISD. Upon completion of my doctoral studies, I completed the educational entrepreneurship program at Rice University's School of Business.

To ensure that students are academically and socially prepared for postsecondary education upon graduation, I have dedicated most of my career collaborating with teachers and different stakeholders to improve students' classroom instruction and educational conditions. It is important that students while at school participate in an organization or extracurricular activity, which in-turn will help them have a better academic performance and make positive decisions. My expectation is that all Houston MSTC students will be proud to participate in such activities. At Houston MSTC students are offered the opportunity to participate in the marching band, mariachi, dance, cheerleading or in various sports, such as soccer, basketball, football, volleyball, and many more.

Additionally, I want to share how pleasantly surprised I was on my first day at Houston MSTC to visit our modern and well-kept facilities but excited to have met the people who with dedication and professionalism work here. Furthermore, I was pleased to find a very well-organized parents' association. Quickly, I realized that everyone has a desire to work collectively to ensure a positive impact on students.
I am excited about the experiences we will have together this upcoming school year. I know it will take time to get to know all of you, but in the meantime, if you have any concerns or comments, please contact my office at: 713-696-0200 or e-mail me at: diego.linares@houstonisd.org. Please feel free to communicate with me in English or Spanish. I hope to be able to connect with you all through in-person conversations or by responding to your messages over the coming weeks.

I am confident that, through our collective effort, Houston MSTC High School will transform from the good school that it is to the Houston Independent School District premier school that our students and our community deserve.

Let's go tigers!

With the kindest regards,

Dr. Diego Linares, Principal