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Superintendent Millard House II engages with students and outlines his goals

July 7, 2021 – Today, Superintendent Millard House II visited students and staff at Sugar Grove Academy during summer school and outlined his goals for HISD.

“My mission as your superintendent is to maintain and grow a rigorous teaching and learning environment that provides every student with a sense of belonging while students grow intellectually, emotionally, and socially,” said Superintendent House.

- Goal 1: Re-engage all students in the public education experience. This means identifying where they are, and what they need, and delivering a system that can support them.
- Goal 2: Ensure safe and orderly school openings. Many exceptional summer enrichment experiences are planned. Now is the time to mobilize in preparation for fall by delivering safe, orderly, engaging, and accelerated learning experiences.
- Goal 3: Develop and deliver a bold strategic plan that cements the path of innovation and excellence. We will lay the foundation now to deliver excellence in public education to support the whole child, setting high expectations for ourselves to ensure our students meet their full potential.

With school returning to 100 percent in-person instruction this fall, Superintendent House emphasized that while the pandemic is not over, schools are safe and have not been associated with a substantial community spread. In HISD, COVID-19 case numbers have dropped 90 percent since the beginning of the year.

“My own children were virtual learners and will be HISD students,” said Superintendent House. “Their safety and your children’s safety are my top priority. As vaccinations continue to increase throughout Harris County and the country, we are confident that a full return to in-person learning in the coming school year will be completely safe for students and teachers.”

Superintendent House plans to hold community forums over the next few months where he meets with parents, guardians, and stakeholders to listen to all voices.

“Only through listening to you and following up with actions that address your needs and shared aspirations will we achieve substantial, transformative change in our communities,” said Superintendent House. “I am confident the HISD community will come together to make this district equitable, inclusive, and truly one educational institution for all.”

The full press conference can be viewed [here](#).

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