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Superintendent House joined “No Trafficking Zone” press conference


January 25, 2022 – January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Today, Superintendent Millard House II joined the organization No Trafficking Zone, State Senator Larry Taylor, State Representative Senfronia Thompson and others to announce the new No Trafficking Zone law that effects schools.


The law requires schools to post warning signs in conspicuous areas around the school regarding increased criminal penalties of persons. HISD is currently in the process of posting the signage with the goal of having them up at all campuses by the end of February.


“HISD takes its responsibility to child safety very seriously. Schools can and should be safe places for students. That is what this new law helps us do,” House said. “Of all social institutions, schools are perhaps the best positioned to identify and report suspected trafficking and connect affected students to critical services.”


The new “No Trafficking Zone” law protects students in Texas by creating a 1,000 foot no trafficking zone around all schools. The law elevates penalties for any activity related to sex crimes against children on school campuses or at any school-related event.

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the eighth-largest in the United States, with 276 schools and nearly 197,000 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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