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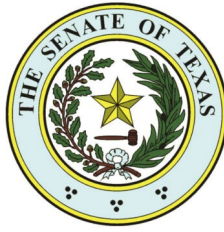
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**Houston State Officials Statement on Extension of Houston
Independent School District Takeover**

AUSTIN – Today, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced a two-year extension of the state takeover of the Houston Independent School District (HISD). We are angered and disappointed by this news. The rationale for the state takeover of HISD was flawed from the beginning, and the results are questionable at best. The A-F ratings used to justify this continued takeover are a moving goalpost, and other metrics remain unjustified. For the last two years, HISD has been hemorrhaging students, teachers, and principals with no clear end in sight. Our constituents have made it clear that they have lost confidence in the direction of the district under Mike Miles. They continue to feel shut out of key decisions and are deeply concerned about the ongoing mismanagement and lack of collaboration with school leadership and the community.

In response to the concerning impacts of a continued state takeover of HISD, we each filed legislation this session: [SB 788](#) (Alvarado), [SB 564/HB 2533](#) (Miles/House Delegation), [SB 1764](#) (Cook). Unfortunately, none of the bills we filed received a hearing, and instead, TEA has extended its takeover with no end in sight.

It is disingenuous for TEA to extend this takeover and reference exit criteria when no clear metrics for exit have ever been established. Houston's teachers, students, and parents deserve transparency and elected governance that is accountable to their constituents. We will continue to monitor the situation. As we come home, we will work with our constituents to end the takeover and advocate for better outcomes for our HISD schools.



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Senator Carol Alvarado
Senate District 6

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Senator Molly Cook
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Senator Borris Miles
Senate District 13

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Rep. Gene Wu
House District 137

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Rep. Ann Johnson
House District 134

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Rep. Charlene Ward Johnson
House District 139

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House District 135

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House District 148

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House District 147

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House District 143

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House District 141

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House District 131

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Rep. Christina Morales
House District 145

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Rep. Lauren Ashley Simmons
House District 146

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Rep. Armando Walle
House District 140

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House District 144

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House District 27