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## **Senator Bettencourt supports TEA Commissioner Morath installing a Board of Managers for HISD**

**Austin, TX** – Senator Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston) states his support for TEA Commissioner Mike Morath installing a Board of Managers for HISD, the state’s largest school district.

**“I’ve watched, at best, an ineffective HISD Board of Trustee Governance for 8 years as the second longest serving member on the Senate Education Committee. A highly critical TEA report of nefarious trustees activity and a subsequent FBI investigation with multiple indictments which resulted in a plea deal with a former HISD Trustee, have concerned me greatly. Therefore, I strongly support Commissioner Mike Morath’s decision to install a Board of Managers for the HISD school district,”** stated Senator Bettencourt.

**“As the principle author of SB 1365, which restored the A-F accountability system in the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, the Commissioner could have closed Wheatley High School or installed a Board of Managers. Commissioner Morath made the right decision by choosing to install a Board of Managers for the future of the students, families, and staff of HISD.”** Concluded Senator Bettencourt.

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