



ALDINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Counseling Faculty
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Dear Counseling Faculty:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your request that Aldine Independent School District and Sam Houston State University become partners in an initiative to assist professional school counselors as they become leaders in the education reform movement and advocates for all students. It is our understanding that the National Center for Transforming School Counseling (The Education Trust, Inc.) has provided a protocol for counselor education programs to follow in order to be affiliated with the Transforming School Counseling Initiative and that part of the process involves the University soliciting support from an interested school district.

As a district working toward excellence for all students, we are willing to join an effort designed to improve the knowledge and skills of our counselors through professional development. We will work collaboratively to close the achievement gap for our students and enhance the leadership skills of our counselors to affect long term positive, measurable outcomes for our students, in particular minority and low-income students.

I applaud your efforts to assess your current school counseling preparation program in order to make curricular changes that address your beliefs and attitudes of equal access and support for all students. I support your initiative and agree that as a partner in this initiative, the school counselors in our district can benefit through staff development that will be provided by Sam Houston State University.

I look forward to our continued relationship.

Sincerely,

Nadine Kujawa, Superintendent
Aldine Independent School District