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BTF RESPONDS TO SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO CHANGE THREE SCHOOLS



BTF President, Phil Rumore responded strongly to the Superintendent's recommendation to close and reopen Bennett High School, Harvey Austin School and Martin Luther King Multicultural Institute.

“Rather than ostensibly blaming and punishing the hard-working teachers and teacher aides at the schools, the District should accept responsibility for hiring a principal at Bennett High School who has undermined and destroyed the educational environment at the school, retaining a principal at Martin Luther King and Harvey Austin who have also caused an erosion of the education at the schools.

There has been no meaningful input sought and then implemented based on the suggestions of teachers, staff and parents.

The teachers have been and continue to be willing to work with the District on what will actually improve teaching and learning at our schools; however, we cannot agree to quick fixes and a continuation of the blame the teachers, staff and parents game. What a terrible thing to do to the faculty and staff right before the holidays.” Rumore stated.
