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**WHEREAS**, the superintendent is the leader of the district and must be held to the highest standards of professional behavior and character; and

**WHEREAS**, as the community leader in education, the superintendent is a role model for our students, must be above reproach and must demonstrate the kind of behavior which we want our children to emulate; and

**WHEREAS**, the incident at Billy Earl Dade Middle School was not only an example of unprofessional behavior on the part of superintendent Miles but clearly appears to be in violation of the law; and

**WHEREAS**, the law applicable in this case is under "Official Oppression"

*Sec. 39.03. OFFICIAL OPPRESSION. (a) A **public servant** acting under color of his office or employment commits an offense if he:*

- (1) **intentionally subjects another to mistreatment** or to arrest, detention, search, seizure, dispossession, assessment, or lien that he knows is unlawful;*
- (2) **intentionally denies or impedes another** in the exercise or enjoyment of any right, privilege, power, or immunity, knowing his conduct is unlawful; or*
- (3) **intentionally subjects another to sexual harassment.***

*(b) For purposes of this section, a public servant acts under color of his office or employment if he acts or purports to act in an official capacity or takes advantage of such actual or purported capacity.*

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent Mike Miles as a "public servant" intentionally subjected Bernadette Nutall, an elected official, to unlawful mistreatment, and

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*Mary Ann Climer, Vice-Chair*

**WHEREAS**, we look forward to public disclosure in a court of law of the facts surrounding the incident at Billy E. Dade Middle School.

#### **HONORARY MEMBERS**

*Trustee Bernadette Nutall*

*Former Trustee Bruce Parrott*

*Hon. Dr. Kyle Renard*

**THEREFORE**, Dallas Friends of Public Education firmly supports Trustee Bernadette Nutall's decision to file a criminal complaint against Superintendent Mike Miles for his actions to have her forcibly removed from Billy Earl Dade Middle School on October 13, 2014.

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