



October 24, 2022

Betty A. McCrohan, President
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Via Email: betty@wcjc.edu

RE: Designation of unassigned FBISD service areas to Houston Community College

Dear President McCrohan,

I request your support of Houston Community College System (HCC) codifying its partnership with Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD) students and community. As you know, HCC has a campus in Missouri City and provides significant dual credit instruction to FBISD students. HCC is partner with FBISD at 3 early college and P-Tech high schools. Further, HCC is providing traditional dual credit instruction at 11 FBISD high schools. These services are provided for FBISD high schools within HCC's Service Area as well as for some in the unassigned service areas. I seek your support for including these unassigned areas into HCC's statutorily defined Service Area.

As you know, Texas community colleges operate in service areas assigned by state statute. "Service Area" means the territory where the college provides instructional services and is inclusive of both taxing districts and non-taxing areas. HCC's Service Area is defined as (TEC§130.182):

- (1) the Houston, Alief, Katy, Spring Branch, and North Forest independent school districts;
- (2) the Stafford Municipal School District; and
- (3) the part of the Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD) that is located in the municipalities of Houston, Missouri City, and Pearland.

Exhibit 1 illustrates HCC's existing Service Area in relation to adjoining community colleges.

Statutes also assign a portion of FBISD to Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) (TEC§130.211). However, two (2) areas served by FBISD are not assigned to any community college. These areas are marked as Area 1 and Area 2 in **Exhibit 1**. Area 1 is contiguous to both HCC and WCJC while Area 2 is contiguous to HCC, WCJC, and Alvin Community College (ACC). **Exhibit 2** shows additional details of both areas. **Exhibit 3** lists population and demographic data from the 2020 census for both areas.

Prior to any legislative activity to assign these areas to HCC, I seek your concurrence and support. I would like to schedule a meeting to discuss my request and answer any questions you may have. In the alternative, please let me know if you support this request and I will draft a letter of support and forward for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E.
Chancellor

cc: Ashley Smith, HCC General Counsel
Remmele Young, Vice Chancellor, Public Information, Communications & External Affairs

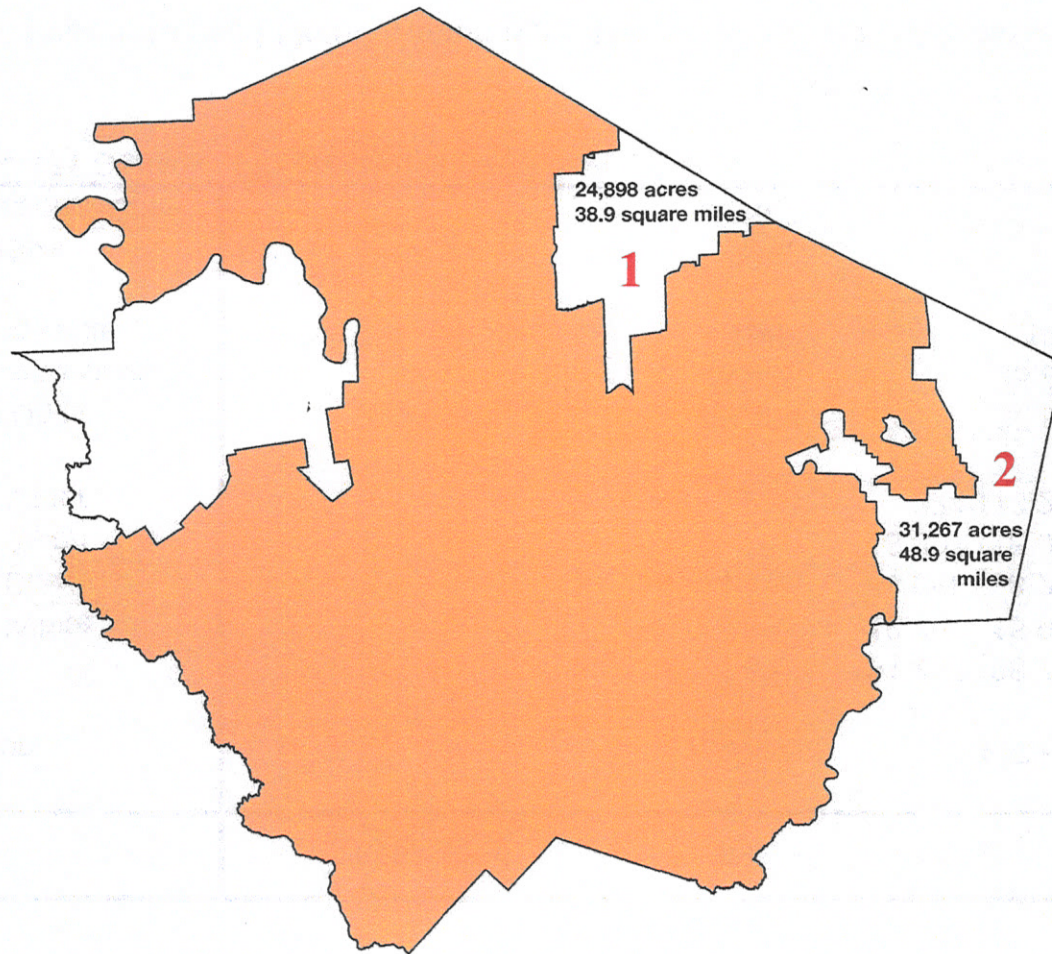


Exhibit 1: Houston Community College System's existing Service Area in relation to adjoining community colleges

	Unassigned	Area 1	Area 2	Fort Bend County
Total Population		150,150	117,690	822,779
Hispanic		36,934 (24.6%)	31,447 (26.7%)	198,580 (24.1%)
Non-Hispanic White		27,496 (18.3%)	18,707 (15.9%)	24,726 (29.6%)
Non-Hispanic Black		36,218 (24.1%)	44,980 (38.2%)	167,964 (20.4%)
Non-Hispanic Asian		44,653 (29.7%)	18,807 (16.0%)	181,522 (22.1%)
Non-Hispanic Other		4849 (3.2%)	3749 (3.2%)	30,987 (3.8%)
Total Housing Units		46,454	37,831	277,910
Occupied Housing Units		44,465	35,899	263,128
Vacant Housing Units		1989	1932	14,782
In Group Quarters		2167	28	4682
In Adult Correctional Units		2167	0	2923

Source: PL 94-171 Census of Population and Housing, 2020

Exhibit 3: Population and Demographic data from 2020 Census for Unassigned FBISD Areas



Areas 1 and 2:
The part of the Fort Bend Independent School District in Fort Bend County that not located in the incorporated area and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Sugar Land located in Fort Bend County as it existed on January 1, 2021

Exhibit 2: Description of FBISD Unassigned Service Areas