

Conference call with Senator Shapleigh and [REDACTED]

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- 11 Truant Officers for the district
- In February or March 2008, Five (5) Truant Officers on a "secret mission" to check addresses (hundreds of them) to verify residency
- It's late to do residence checks in February or March
- Target kids who were going to fail, especially the LEP kids
- At 5:00 a.m. did residence checks because they knew no one would be at home
- If not at home, they would get dropped
- Some waited at the bridge for kids (Chamizal)
- To his knowledge it only happened at Bowie
- [REDACTED]. Woman came out crying saying that her kid was dropped. He was a senior – why did they drop him?
- [REDACTED]
- Process for residence check is: You have to check at least 3 times. Then parent or guardian has 5 days to appeal by providing proof of residency such as electric bill, water bill, or contract on house. If they didn't submit proof, after those 5 days, they still have an additional 5 days to appeal to the district.
- You need legitimate reasons for dropping students
- Bowie did residence check once and did not provide appeals letter; no due process
- Students were dropped with a "98 code" which means Mexico. When coded 98, it doesn't count against the dropout rate and school won't get in trouble
- At Bowie no paper trail and no parents appeal
- Assistant Principal (AP) gives orders to the Registers Office who then gives Field Officers the addresses to check.
- Two At Risk Specialists were fired for getting involved
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- These residence checks was also done at Jeff and Austin HS, and possibly at El Paso High
- [REDACTED] also has knowledge of this
- [REDACTED] Guillen Middle School "How many Freshman at Bowie? She said 525. [REDACTED]"

TO: JLP

RE: NOTES ON [REDACTED] Interview at 4.56cst

Here is my supplement to your notes:

1. "Mr Procura told me that EPISD can not 'drop' kids. He was principal at Austin five years ago.
2. "I got scared [REDACTED]"
3. "Gave the truant officers a big stack—100 to 200."
4. [REDACTED]
5. "Truant officers went out during "TAKS TESTING CAMPS".

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Subject: EPISD [REDACTED]

See attached notes.

Senator, please let me know if I left something out. Thanks.

JLP