

DEL VALLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Superintendent's Office



May 28, 2025

To the City of Austin:

On behalf of Del Valle ISD, I am writing to express support for a variance to the City of Austin's distance requirements for alcohol sales in proximity to public schools, allowing a proposed H-E-B and associated shopping center at the intersection of McKinney Falls Pkwy and William Cannon Drive to sell groceries, including beer, wine and liquor in its normal course of business. The proposed HEB shopping center is directly across the street from, and less than 300' property line to property line, from Del Valle ISD's Hillcrest Elementary.

The addition of the grocery store will benefit our community, as there is minimal full-service grocery options within our district boundaries. The new store would benefit our students, families, and staff by helping reduce food insecurity, positively impacting dietary habits, and adding the availability of fresh groceries. The development would also bring positive economic benefits to our district neighborhoods, with the addition of employment opportunities for the community.

We believe that granting a variance is in the best interest of the community and aligns with our shared goal of enhancing the quality of life for our residents. The addition of an H-E-B within our district boundaries will contribute to a healthier and vibrant community for all families and students.

Thank you,

Matthew Gutierrez, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools