



## **Sergio Lira Ed.D.**

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### **Area of Interest**

My field of expertise is urban education. Educational leadership and policy studies is my area of research study. An accomplished, energetic, and creative educator. A proven bilingual, transformational change agent in diverse, urban comprehensive schools who places great emphasis on two-way communication, building positive relationships, and supporting and monitoring of high performing teams for accountability, student learning and teacher training.

### **Elected Office**

**January 18, 2018.** Houston ISD school board trustee, District III. Secretary (2018, 2019). Represented thirty schools -three high schools, four middle schools, and twenty-three elementary schools. Chairman of the Policy Committee, Created Three HISD Resolutions: School Security, Anti-Gang, and Anti-Human Trafficking. Engaged Community and Parental Involvement by Hosting Eight Forums to inform our community on important educational issues. Championed the largest pay raise for support staff in Houston ISD.

### **Education**

2012-2015 University of Houston, **Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies**

2003-2005 University of Houston – Clearlake, **Superintendent Certification Program**

1995-1998 University of Houston – Clearlake, **MS in Education Management**

1988-1990 University of St. Thomas, **MA Liberal Arts**

1980-1985 University of Houston – Downtown, **Bachelor of Science in Business Commerce**

### **Honors**

**2018 East Area Schools Award**

**2018 Milby High School District III Award**

**2018 Brookline Elementary Award of Excellence**

**2016 Courage Award – Texas Organization Project - Helping Immigrant Families.**

2009 Harvard Graduate School – Fellows Institute “Improving Schools – The Art of Leadership.”

1996 Southeast District “Teacher of the Year.”

1998 North Central District Finalist “Teacher of the Year.”

## Selected Presentations, Articles, and Activities

- Education Consultant Writer for **Que Onda Magazine** – Houston, Texas.
- **Vanessa Guillen** Prayer Vigil – Keynote Speaker, November 12, 2020.
- **NALEO Educational Fund – National Policy Institute**  
Chair for presentation on “Supporting Recovery and Strengthening Resilience for Schools and Students” September 13-14, 2019.
- **University of Houston School of Education, Presenter** - Fall and Spring semester for four years. Title of presentation: **“Maximizing Opportunities for All Students - Reducing the Failure Rate and Attacking the Drop Out Problem for At-Risk Students.”**
- **University of Houston School of Education, Presenter** on Feb. 13, 2013, **“Classroom Management.”**
- **Houston Chronicle**, featured in the article, **“HISD senior dissuaded from dropping out nabs degree,”** June 1, 2009.
- Selected to serve on the Site Base Decision Making committee at Bellaire.
- Selected to serve on the Site Base Decision Making committee at Chavez High.
- Houston ISD - East District PDAS Trainer for three years.

## Professional Memberships

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| • <b>TASB</b> -Texas Association of School Boards             | 2 years member  | 2017 |
| • <b>MASBA</b> - Mexican American School Board Association    | 2 years member  | 2017 |
| • <b>TASA</b> - Texas Association of School Administrators    | 2 years member  | 2017 |
| • <b>AHSA</b> - Association of Hispanic School Administrators | 15 years member | 2006 |
| • <b>HASA</b> - Houston Association of School Administrators  | 15 years member | 2006 |
| • <b>LULAC</b> - League of Latin American Citizens            | 15 years member | 2007 |
| • <b>LULAC</b> -Youth Council Sponsor at Bellaire High        | 10 years member | 2009 |

## Developmental Leadership Activities

Aug. 2020 - **The Alley Theatre – El Zocalo Advisory Committee Member**

June 2020 - **Senior Fellow – American Leadership Forum**

May 2020 - **Bikes 4 Excellence, Treasurer**

May 2014 - **Timonel Foundation** founding member, **Vice-President**

May 2009 - **Aspiring Principal Academy Program Houston ISD -**

May 2007 - **Bridge Academy – Aspiring Principal Program Houston ISD**

May 2006 - **Leadership Academy for seven years in Pasadena ISD**

May 2006 - **Crisis Intervention and Mandt Training Program**

## Qualifications/Experience

**2009 – 2018 Bellaire High School, Assistant Principal - Selected Accomplishments:**

- Lead math team to increase Algebra I STAAR math scores to 92% for 9<sup>th</sup> graders, 1<sup>st</sup> time takers in 2015, and to 91% passing rate in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.
- Nov. 8 – Jan. 22 on special assignment to assist the Sharpstown High School.
- In 2013, increase math STAAR algebra 1 scores from 75% passing to 87%
- In 2012, 83% passing on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade math TAKS, and 98% passing geometry STAAR, and 75% passed algebra I STAAR.
- Increasing the graduation rate by expanding the use of APEX software in two algebra 2 classes and ESL classes.
- (63 seniors earned 61 credits to graduate).
- Establishing Vertical Math Alignment PLCs. Created Administrators PLC's to dialogue and plan strategies to increase student achievement.
- In 2009, Principal Intern. Action Research Project – “Reducing Tardiness by 50% to Increase Instructional Time” and trained seven Asst. Principal Interns. Summer School Principal 2011, 2012, and 2013.

**2006- 2009 Chavez High School, Academy Assistant Principal – Selected Accomplishments:**

- Increased graduation rate (5%) and decreased drop-out rate by creating a Saturday Attendance Program (forty three seniors received credits to graduate.)
- Worked diligently with the administrative team to turn around Chavez and increase TAKS scores from the low 20's to high 70's in math and science.
- We met and exceeded AYP requirements by implementing four initiatives: Traditional Scheduling, Functional PLC's, Leadership Sharing, and Focused Curriculum Alignment.
- Set High Expectations by establishing the Student Advisory Committee, established the Student Council, and the Annual Student of the Year Banquet.
- Summer School Principal and Featured Article in the Houston Chronicle.

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