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To: <u>DL-BOT (Board of Trustees)</u>

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Enjoy your weekend! See you Monday!

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Sugar Land 95: Please note the following:

- We have not yet received a response from the Houston Chronicle regarding the letter to the
 editor I sent Wednesday. If we do not hear from them tomorrow, we are considering
 sending the letter to other local media. I will keep you informed.
- On Wednesday, I met with KP George to appeal to him to lead the County back to the negotiating table. He expressed all the same concerns of which you are aware, but the meeting was cordial and friendly. He remains committed to the idea that we require court oversight and the county would accept too much risk by accepting the cemetery if we reinter the graves. He also shared opinions about the decisions we have made since the cemetery was discovered. I made two specific appeals: I compelled him to consider that there are still valid partnership ideas to consider if they would return to negotiations; and that, if they do not intend to negotiate further, they need to let us know in writing or through a public statement. I am forwarding, in a separate email, the follow up message I sent him last night.
- My Wednesday meeting with the CLLP Board was very similar, only they were much more argumentative and negative. They trusted nothing I said, and openly declared such. One member feels "bamboozled." Other members were just angry and rude. They raised a few good questions, but the general tone of the meeting was that they feel left out of the loop, and they want to be in control of the path forward. At one point, I had to suggest the board chair leave the meeting if he could not engage in an appropriate, professional discussion. I definitely believe we must bring Reggie Moore back to the table at some point, because he has invested so much of his life in this important work. He has become part of the history that needs to be shared. We can't discount his role or the need to include him in future memorial services. I am forwarding, in a separate email, the follow up message I sent to the board chair last night.
- Overall, we are moving forward with engaging various community members and providing
 updates on our work. During the next week, I will meet with members of the FBISD Advisory
 Committee. And we are scheduling a meeting with area pastors and other faith based
 leaders. There is a strategy to this and I want to assure you that we are NOT giving away
 control of the situation or empowering any of these groups to make decisions. The meetings
 are simply to build trust and partnerships by providing open communication and answers to
 their questions.
- Feedback on this matter remains relatively quiet on social media and in the community, based on our observations and sources. We DID receive a number of positive, supporting

messages in response to my tweets Wednesday morning and my messages to staff and parents Wednesday afternoon.

Monday's Meeting: As a reminder, we are taking individual and group photos Monday. We are also having an excellent catered dinner, so come hungry. And I look forward to discussing the results of our work during the past year. We begin at 6 p.m.

Out of Office: I will be out of the office on Friday, August 23. I will be available by phone or email. Please be praying I represent FBISD well during my interview Saturday morning!