Section Five: Community Perception

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Resources for Establishing a Coalition: City and District Officials

In a case study of Mumford Academy, an inner-city school with similar conditions as CMS, in a "community inundated with crime, drugs, absentee landlords of rental property, violence, single-parent households and very poor," Mumford's Principal Dr. Hubbard took the initiative to diminish the negative impact of drug trafficking on the school's premises (Brooks, 2009, p.64). Principal Hubbard organized a meeting to form a coalition with parents, members of the community, law enforcement, city council and media. Few parents attended the meeting; however, Police authorities, council members and media did show up. Although parents did not show up for the meeting, Principal Hubbard sent flyers home asking parents to call city and board officials to complaint about the lack of safety and drug trafficking in the area. In a week, teachers and parents made over 5,000 phone calls. Media contributed to the process by televising the playground conditions. Through these actions, Principal Hubbard facilitated the creation of a partnership between community members and the police department that led to the creation of the first Block Watch in the city of Bivens and in few months, drug activity decreased dramatically on the school surroundings.

Name	Contact	Services / Website
	Information	
HPD Palm	713 845-24885330	http://www.houstontx.gov/police/contact/substations.ht
Center	Griggs, 713-845-	<u>m</u>
storefront office	2488 10:00 AM-	
	2:00 PM Mon-	
	Thursday	
HISD Police	Houston ISD Police	HISD Police offers faculty and staff training on how to
	Department	handle and report criminal activity
	Jimmy L. Dotson, Chief	
	of Police	http://www.houstonisd.org/portal/site/Police/menuite
	3500 Tampa Houston, Texas 77021-	m.32752d7da4933a371a9c5010e041f76a/?vgnextoid
	1244	=d0c1f81fa10e0110VgnVCM10000028147fa6RCRD
	District Mail Route 2	&vgnextchannel=4e0b210fa27ee010VgnVCM1000002
	Main: 713-842-3715	8147fa6RCRD
	Fax: 713-842-3752	
City Council		Council Adams a communication to request a meeting
District D		highlighting the importance attention to CMS
Wanda Adams		http://www.houstontx.gov/council/d/request.html
18 th District		http://jacksonlee.house.gov/Contact/
Congresswoman		
Sheila Jackson		
Lee		

Another way to confront drug consumption and trafficking among CMS students is to present to them real testimonies of the negative consequences that these practices may bring to their lives. There are several outreach programs offered by governmental and non-profit organizations that specialized in educating youth about the negative consequences of drug trafficking and drug consumption. The

following list provides contact information from several organizations that can help subside drugs activity in and around CMS.

Name	Contact	Services / Website
	Information	
HPD Palm	1 Justice Park Drive	The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has an outreach
Center	Houston, TX 77092	program called Adopt a School. FBI Houston Division
storefront office	phone: (713) 693-	employees participate in a collaborative community
	5000	outreach initiative with I Have A Dream® - Houston.
	fax: (713) 936-8900	Volunteer FBI employees participate in various after-
	E-mail:	school mentoring activities with an assigned "Dream
	Houston.Texas@ic.f	Partner," serve as chaperones on field trips, and give
	bi.gov	presentations on topics such as anger management,
		Internet safety, and career choices
		http://www.fbi.gov/houston/contact
Houston	Phone: (713) 247-	Coordinates and supports volunteer projects in the areas of
Crackdown is a	8888	substance abuse prevention, treatment and law
division of Mayor		enforcement. Houston Crackdown division can participate
Annise D.		in community meetings and can provide educational
Parker's Office		materials and collaborative funding opportunities
for Public Safety		
and Drug Policy		http://www.houstontx.gov/publicsafety/crackdown/
The City of	Director	Educates youth on the dangers and consequences of gang
Houston also	P.O. Box 1562	membership before they become involved. Educating parents, teachers, and service professionals on how to
(<u>Patricia</u>	Houston, TX 77251	recognize and address gang involvement. Educating
Harrington,	Phone:	community residents on how to identify and report gang activity in their neighborhoods.
	832.393.0931	, c
	Fax: 713.247.1340	http://www.houstontx.gov/publicsafety/antigang/index.html