

Sample of letter sent to state representatives Armando Martinez, JM Lozano, Oscar Longoria, Janie Lopez and Erin Gámez. Also senator Morgan LaMantia.

## We the Students

## Dear Friend:

We are high school students from the Rio Grande Valley and members of the South Texas Youth Congress.

We ask you to consider our proposal, Life Skills Advisors. This proposal is similar to previous House Bills. HB 1640 in 2019 and HB 4023 in 2021. Both passed the House by wide margins, however each time they stalled in the Senate.

## Each Bill has this Caption

relating to establishing a pilot program to employ a life skills counselor at public high school campuses in certain counties.

In our proposal we think that an Advisor best captures our purpose rather than Counselor.

We also see a Like Skills Advisor as a first responder to an incidence in which the police is at times the first response.

There are many things we do with school. And there is work and home life. This creates stress for many, some withdraw, some can not cope and build resentment. Rivalries break out. We see how some students are troubled by their mental health.

Our proposal includes an idea we call, Life Skills Circle. We have more on this in the proposal.

We try to keep focus on the employment of Life Skills Advisors in public schools. Advisors trained to identify students who require mental health care. Provide help on priorities, time management, engage a curriculum. Coordinate special resources and also with law enforcement. And hold discussion time with student's school and home life. An Advisor would preside over a student-led Life Skills Circle.

The moment to invest is Here.

The Life Skills proposal is attached.

Thank you, respectfully submitted in behalf of STYC members:

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Life Skills Advisor Proposal

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