Miss Malala Yousafzai
2014 Nobel Peace Prize Winner
Global Advocate for Women’s Education

Dear Malala:

We are the elected officials of Fort Bend County, Texas. We are Members of the United States Congress, the Texas Legislature, the Fort Bend Commissioners’ Court and Mayors of Fort Bend’s cities. We are Republicans and Democrats. We join in one humble voice to invite you to attend the opening of an elementary school named after you.

Fort Bend is a rapidly growing suburb of Houston, Texas. We currently have a population of more than 800,000. We are proud to be the most ethnically diverse county in the United States. Fort Bend County also has the highest percentage of highly educated men and women in the state of Texas.

Our rapid growth caused our Fort Bend Independent School Board of Trustees to approve our 51st elementary school in 2017. As you know, on December 12, 2018, the Trustees unanimously voted to name our new school the Malala Yousafzai Elementary School. The school will officially open in January 2020.

This name was the clear choice. As Superintendent Dr. Charles Dupre stated when your name was chosen for our new elementary school, “Our FBISD Profile of a Graduate outlines the skills and attributes graduates should possess upon graduation from our schools. Through her compassion for others and servant leadership, Miss Yousafzai is an embodiment of these characteristics, which we are trying to instill in our students. We look forward to hearing of the many successes of the school and its students in the future.”

We would be humbled and truly honored if you would join us for the dedication of your school on February 23, 2020. Please feel free to contact the Fort Bend Independent School District or any of us if you have further questions or need guidance. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Very respectfully with admiration and hope,
Pete Olson
Member of Congress, Texas 22nd District

Al Green
Member of Congress, Texas 9th District

Joan Huffman
Senator of Texas, District 17

Rick Miller
Representative of Texas, District 26

Phil Stephenson
Representative of Texas, District 85

Ron Reynolds
Representative of Texas, District 27

KP George
Fort Bend County Judge

Andy Meyers
Fort Bend County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Vincent Morales, Jr.
Fort Bend County Commissioner Pct. 1
Ken DeMerchant
Fort Bend County
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Joe Zimmerman
Mayor of Sugar Land

Charles Jessup, IV
Mayor of Meadows Place

William “Bill” Hastings
Mayor of Katy

Aaron Groff
Mayor of Fulshear

Kenneth Reid
Mayor of Beasley

Leonard Scarcella
Mayor of Stafford

William “Bill Benton
Mayor of Rosenberg

Yolanda Ford
Mayor of Missouri City

Andrew Bohac
Mayor of Needville
Laurie Boudreaux  
Mayor of Simonton

Mary Zdankewicz  
Mayor of Weston Lakes

Rodney Paylock  
Mayor of Orchard

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Lois Kolkhorst  
Senate of Texas, District 18

Borris Miles  
Senate of Texas, District 13