

Community outraged over 'Ghetto Handbook'

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HOUSTON - Community leaders are expressing feelings of outrage over the distribution of a "Ghetto Handbook" created and distributed by Houston school district cops. In addition to the crude language used in the eight-page handout, the fact it took three months to punish those responsible for it has angered those who have seen or heard about the book, subtitled "Wucha dun did now?" the Houston Chronicle reported Friday. "This publication was completely reprehensible and Houston Independent School District condemns it in the strongest possible terms," Superintendent Abelardo Saavedra said in a statement. The unidentified officer who first handed it out in May was suspended with pay this week, pending results of an investigation by the HISD. He was also ordered to attend diversity training. The booklet names six HISD officers "and the entire day shift patrol" as contributors, however, district spokesman, Terry Abbott, said a preliminary investigation has cleared those officers of involvement. The "guide" was first distributed at a May 23 roll call, but a supervisor immediately collected them, Abbott said. HISD leaders said they didn't learn about the incident until an oral complaint was made to the district's Equal Employment Opportunity Office on Aug. 13.

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