

HISD to unveil series of murals at schools in the Gulfton community

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| **WHAT:** | The Houston Independent School District will celebrate the diversity and history of the Gulfton community this month as district officials formally dedicate new murals at HISD schools in the neighborhood.  Painted by some of Houston’s most talented street artists, each mural was based on poetry written by Gulfton students and featuring themes such as community, culture, family, and the concept of home.  The mural at Jane Long Academy – one of 12 – is a part of the Gulfton Story Trail Mural Project. Murals are also located at Sutton Elementary School and Las Americas Newcomer Academy with a planned project at Wisdom High School. The immersive trail of artwork is scattered throughout the area and seeks to promote the community’s heritage.  The Gulfton Story Trail Mural Project was designed by the Culture of Health Advancing-Together (CHAT), an organization that empowers immigrant and refugee families to thrive in their new home. The mural project was done in collaboration with HISD Facilities Services, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner’s Complete Communities Initiative, and the Visit My Neighborhood program.  Long Academy’s celebration will highlight murals at all four HISD campuses. |
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| **WHO:** | HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, HISD Board of Education Trustee **Anne Sung**, State Rep. **Gene Wu**, Jane Long Academy Principal **Keri Wittpenn**, Sutton Elementary School Principal **Luis Landa**, Culture of Health-Advancing Together Founding Director **Aisha Siddiqui**, Houston artist **Vivienne Dang**,and the Wisdom HS JROTC and Band, as well as various community members and HISD students, parents, and staff |
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| **WHEN:** | Friday, Jan. 18  10 a.m. |
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| **WHERE:** | Jane Long Academy, 6501 Bellaire Blvd., 77074 |

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