**New multiservice center to provide HISD students quality access to food, healthcare**

**What:** Kashmere High School will celebrate the opening of a campus-based multiservice center that provides health, education, counseling, and workforce development services to students and their families.

The Kashmere Success Center was launched in January by ProUnitas, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering communities by connecting social service organizations and resources to students and families with unmet needs.

The center **—** supported by about 40 different non-profit, for-profit and municipal groups — includes a food and clothing pantry, a workforce and college readiness development room, and a counseling room.

ProUnitas was created by former Kashmere teacher Adeeb Barqawi, who formed the organization from his classroom after seeing firsthand how many students did not have access to quality food and healthcare. This will be HISD’s second ProUnitas center. The first was opened last month at Key Middle School.

***\*Media are invited to tour the center and interview students, staff, and representatives from ProUnitas and the Kashmere Success Center.***

**Who:**HISD Board of Education Trustee **Rhonda Skillern-Jones**, Kashmere High School Principal **Nancy Blackwell**, ProUnitas, Inc. CEO **Adeeb Barqawi**, Kashmere Success Center Community Council Chair **Keith Downey**, Houston Federation of Teachers President **Zeph Capo**, and Kashmere students

**When:             Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.**

**Where:             Kashmere High School,** 6900 Wileyvale Rd., 77028