HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

Black History Month, George Floyd tribute to include unveiling of giant street mural at Yates HS

WHAT:

A Black History Month tribute to George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement on Saturday, Feb. 6, will include the unveiling of a street mural that covers two blocks of Alabama Street in front of HISD's Jack Yates High School, Floyd's alma mater.

The mural was commissioned by Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Houston Society for Change, and 88 C.H.U.M.P., a non-profit social activism organization formed by Floyd's former Yates football teammates.

The mural unveiling will be a private event attended by local and national dignitaries and members of Floyd's family, including his niece Brooke Williams who is an honor student at Yates High School.

The program will include a ribbon-cutting, balloon release, motorcycle procession and Texas Southern University drumline.

Major partners for the event include the City of Houston, HEB, Fox 26, CenterPoint Energy, Union Pacific Railroad, and E.J. Walter Pharmacy.

One broadcast media crew and one print media crew may attend the event to provide pool coverage.

You must **RSVP** to: <u>pressofffice@houstonisd.org</u> by <u>7 p.m. (today)</u>, Friday, Feb. 5.

WHO:

HISD Board of Education President Patricia Allen, HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan, Yates High School Principal Tiffany Guillory, U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, State Sen. Borris Miles, Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, Houston City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, NAACP National Interim Vice-President Carmen Watkins, Houston Society for Change representative Pernell Davis, George Floyd's niece Brooke Williams and family members, 88 C.H.U.M.P. founders, Texas Southern University drumline

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021

noon

WHERE: View online and on-air at www.HoustonISD.org/livetv and on HISD TV (Xfinity channel 18 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99).

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