**HISD to recognize Read Houston Read volunteers**

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| **What:** | The Houston Independent School District will host two ceremonies to recognize the efforts of the district’s Read Houston Read volunteers who are committed to helping HISD students improve their literacy skills.  The Read Houston Read Appreciation Breakfast will honor the nearly 800 volunteers participating in the program, which aims to improve literacy rates by having a volunteer read with students once a week throughout the school year. The program encourages parents, community members, and business professionals to read to students either in person or virtually.  Read Houston Read is part of the district’s Literacy by 3 movement, which aims to have all students reading on grade level by the end of third grade.  During the event, a special video will be shown featuring the program’s top volunteers. The video can be watched by clicking [here.](http://bit.ly/1W5nIte)  ***\*Media are invited to attend and cover both awards ceremonies.*** |
| **Who:** | **District I Trustee Anna Eastman, District II Trustee Rhonda Skillern-Jones, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Andrew Houlihan, Officer of Elementary Curriculum and Development Lance Menster, Literacy Director Cindy Puryear, Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation Co-Chair Neil Bush, Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation President Julie Baker-Finck,** HISD volunteers, principals, and teachers |
| **When:**  **Where:** | **Friday, May 6, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.**  **Monday, May 9, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.**  Children’s Museum of Houston  1500 Binz St., 77004 |

