HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

HISD's Back-to-School Extravaganza to provide free school supplies, health resources for families

WHAT:

The Houston Independent School District's Homeless Education Office will host the eighth annual Back-to-School Extravaganza on August 23 to help students and their families get ready for the 2019-2020 school year.

Attendees will be provided with **free** backpacks, shoes, school supplies, fresh produce, health, and dental screenings.

Free assistance will be available for Medicaid applications, Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) renewal and recertification, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Also available for free, while supplies last, will be immunizations (students must bring their original shot records).

The Back-to-School Extravaganza was created to help economically disadvantaged students and their families prepare for the new school year by providing them with easy access to community resources and health services.

For **free** transportation assistance, contact the Homeless Education Office at 713-556-7237.

WHO:

HISD Board of Education trustees, HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**; Harris County Justice of the Peace Precinct 7 **Jeremy Brown**; HISD Homeless Education Office representatives; HISD students and their families; community partners such as the Houston Food Bank, ABC Dental, and Avenue 360 Health & Wellness

WHEN: Friday, Aug. 23

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: Delmar Stadium, 2020 Mangum Road, 77092

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