**HISD Interim Superintendent Ken Huewitt to deliver 2016 State of the Schools address**

**What:** Houston Independent School District Interim Superintendent Ken Huewitt will deliver the district’s annual State of the Schools address Thursday to a sold-out ballroom crowd at the Hilton Americas Hotel. Huewitt’s speech will address the district’s ongoing efforts to provide all students with access to a rigorous and global education that ensures their success not just in school, but also in college and the workforce. Huewitt also will address the district’s commitment to ensuring its neediest students continue to receive appropriate resources amid budget cuts.

Outgoing Superintendent Terry Grier also will address the audience in his final State of the Schools appearance after stepping down from the district at the end of February. Grier served as superintendent of HISD for almost seven years.

Additionally, HISD Board of Education President Manuel Rodriguez will speak at the event, along with High School for the Performing and Visual Arts student Andrew White, who was selected as Houston’s first Youth Poet Laureate.

Though tickets are sold out, seating for news media covering the event will be provided. Those who are unable to attend but want to follow along may watch the address streamed live online at [www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org) or [www.abc13.com](http://www.abc13.com).

Photos, transcripts, and video of the State of the Schools, as well as the district’s 2015 Annual Report, will be posted online after the event at [www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org). Follow on Twitter — @HoustonISD, @HISDEspanol — to keep up with State of the Schools highlights as they happen.

**Who:**HISD Board of Education President **Manuel Rodriguez**, HISD Interim Superintendent **Ken Huewitt**, Outgoing HISD Superintendent **Terry Grier**, Arabic Immersion Magnet School Principal **Kate Adams** and her students, High School for the Performing and Visual Arts student and Youth Poet Laureate **Andrew White**, and other student speakers and performers, as well as hundreds of public school supporters.

**When:                  Thursday, March 3, 2016, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Where:** Hilton Americas Hotel, 1600 Lamar St., 77010