

**Furr High School celebrates XQ grant**

**implementation year with spring festival**

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| **What:** | Furr High School leaders will be hosting a spring community festival to celebrate the culmination of the first year of the $10 million grant awarded to the school by the national nonprofit XQ. The event will also serve to welcome the community into the school’s new building.  During the festival, select Furr students will present end-of-year projects made possible by the five-year grant. The yearlong projects encourage students to propose solutions on issues ranging from environmentalism to social justice and focus on three pathways in line with their personal goals and interests: Health Science, Digital Media, and Agriculture & Natural Resources.  “In my eyes, the grant is a seed of possibility,” said Furr High School Interim Principal Rosa Hernández. “We intend to continue creating far-reaching and meaningful partnerships with organizations who want to connect with our students in a way that will transcend the classroom and allow them to explore a world of endless possibilities.”  The festival will feature performances by the school’s cheerleaders and JROTC team, free Zumba classes, a petting zoo, college-recruiting booths, and various community partners.  Community members will also be able to take pictures with the Houston Astros World Series trophy, which will be on display. |
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| **Who:** | HISD Board of Education District VIII Trustee **Diana Dávila**, State Representative **Ana Hernández,** Houston City Councilman **Robert Gallegos**, Harris County Precinct 2 Constable **Christopher Diaz,** Furr High School Interim Principal **Rosa Hernández**, students, and various community partners |
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| **When:** | **Saturday, May 19, 2018, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** |
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| **Where:** | Furr High School  520 Mercury Drive, Houston, TX 77017 |
|  | **Media interested in covering must RSVP to the HISD Press Office (**[PressOffice@houstonisd.org](mailto:PressOffice@houstonisd.org) **or 713-556-6393).** |