**HISD Board of Trustees calls special meeting to approve district relief efforts**

*Aug. 31, 2017* –The Houston Independent School District Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 4 p.m. today, Aug. 31, to discuss items related to Hurricane Harvey.  Trustees will meet in the Manuel Rodríguez Jr. Board Auditorium at the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center.

The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss the district’s response in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.  Trustees will be present to vote on three agenda items:

* Authorization for HISD for purchasing during crisis
* Approval of current and future donation to the HISD Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund
* Authorization for Superintendent Richard Carranza to accept a $1 million donation for the HISD Foundation from a private donor
* Approval for hourly workers to be compensated for the time Harvey forced schools to be closed

“We want to thank our community for coming to the aid of our students and being patient while we start the recovery process,” says Board President Wanda Adams.  “We also want to thank everyone from around the country that has reached out to see how they can help HISD.  It’s not about HISD right now.  It’s about our community that’s stepping up to make sure the district is whole.  There’s much work to be done.  We want to ensure that the Superintendent and his team have all the resources they need to lead the district in recovering from this crisis.

The meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Manuel Rodriguez Jr. Board Auditorium at the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center (4400 W. 18th Street, Houston, Tx).