

**HISD Homeless Education Office to host**

**Back to School Extravaganza**

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| **What:** | The Houston Independent School District’s Homeless Education Office will provide **free** backpacks, school supplies, shoes, fresh produce, health screenings and immunizations to hundreds of low income families during the seventh annual Back to School Extravaganza this Friday.  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. Students must bring their shot records to get free immunizations.  Free assistance will also be available for Medicaid applications, Children’s Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) renewal and recertification, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Houston Food Bank will be on hand to distribute fresh produce to families. Students must be present to receive free items.  Hurricane Harvey left a devastating impact on HISD. Because of the storm, the district’s Homeless Education Office identified more than 29,000 homeless students during the 2017-2018 school year.  For transportation assistance, contact the Homeless Education Office at 713-556-7237. |
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| **Who:** | HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, Houston Mayor **Sylvester Turner**, HISD Homeless Education Office representatives, HISD students, numerous community partners such as the Houston Food Bank, Save the Children, Samaritan’s Feet, and Avenue 360 Health & Wellness. |
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| **When:** | **Friday, August 17, 2018, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  *Dr. Lathan and Mayor Turner will make brief remarks at approximately 10 a.m.* |
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| **Where:** | Delmar Stadium  2020 Mangum Road, Houston, TX, 77092 |
|  | **Media interested in covering must RSVP to the HISD Press Office (**[PressOffice@houstonisd.org](mailto:PressOffice@houstonisd.org) **or 713-556-6393).** |