

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

HISD's Ascending to Men mentorship program to cap inaugural year with districtwide summit

WHAT: The Houston Independent School District's Ascending to Men Program (ATMP) will hold a districtwide summit to mark the end of its inaugural year.

The Ascending to Men Program connects male students with mentors who provide a wide range of support to keep students on track toward success in college, careers or the military.

More than 1,000 students are enrolled in the Ascending to Men Program.

The purpose of the summit on Friday will be to educate, celebrate, empower and inspire young male participants in ATMP to stay on the pathway to success.

Boys who are in grades 3 through 12 from 47 HISD schools are invited to the daylong summit.

Topics such as personal growth and development, support for academic success and career planning will be covered at the summit.

There will also be prizes, fun activities, breakfast and lunch for all participants.

Media is invited to attend the event.

WHO: HISD Board of Education Trustees; HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**; Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Outreach **Kenneth Davis**; Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer **Rick Cruz**; Houston Mayor **Sylvester Turner**; ATMP students; mentors; staff; and parents

WHEN: Friday, May 3
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE: Kingdom Builders Center, 6011 W. Orem St., 77085

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