

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

Barbara Jordan Career Center to celebrate grand opening ceremony

WHAT: Barbara Jordan Career Center will host a grand opening ceremony to celebrate their new school, which opened in January. Built as part of the 2012 Bond Program, the \$37 million project features specially designed spaces for career and technology programs, including culinary arts, health sciences, construction, auto/diesel, and welding. It also has a large learning staircase in the center of the school, which is part of a flexible learning commons used for studying, impromptu lectures, project work or career exploration programs.

Editor's Note: *Media will be able to tour the new classrooms and interview students, staff, and district officials.*

WHO: HISD Board of Education Trustee **Rhonda Skillern-Jones**; HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**; Barbara Jordan Principal **Ross McAlpine**; Barbara Jordan teacher and alumna **Tamela Broussard**; North Forest High School student and emcee **Amiya Wheeler**; and the Kashmere High School JROTC, as well as various dignitaries, school stakeholders, community members, students, parents, and staff

WHEN: Wednesday, May 15
1 p.m.

WHERE: Barbara Jordan Career Center, 5800 Eastex Freeway, 77026

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