

## Cook Elementary School to hold ribbon-cutting ceremony for new learning lab

*Space created through donations from the 37<sup>th</sup> Class of Leadership Houston program*

**WHAT:** The Houston Independent School District's Cook Elementary School now has a new learning laboratory, courtesy of the 37<sup>th</sup> Class of the Leadership Houston program.

Leadership Houston annually brings together classes of civic-minded executives who spend a year developing leadership abilities, learning how Houston's business and government sectors function, and sponsoring a community project. The 37<sup>th</sup> class chose the learning laboratory at Cook Elementary School as its project.

Using \$30,000 in donations they collected, plus in-kind donations, Leadership Houston class members took an empty space at Cook Elementary and converted it into a learning space where students can improve reading and tech skills.

**Media is invited to a ribbon cutting for the new learning laboratory at Cook Elementary on Thursday at 4 p.m.**

**WHO:** HISD Cook Elementary Principal **Lysette Cooper**; HISD North Area Superintendent **Yolanda Rodriguez**; City of Houston Education Director **Juliet Stipeche**; Harris County Prec. 1 Director of Programs **Amaka Uzoh**; Harris County Judge Director of Community Relations **Devon Douglass**; Reading with a Rapper co-founder **Jarren Small**; Leadership Houston board members and alumni; HISD students and staff

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 23  
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Cook Elementary School, 7115 Lockwood Dr., 77016

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