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Two national groups will build STEM lab in HISD's Williams Middle School on Friday

WHAT: Two national groups will work together Friday on a one-day project to build a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) lab at M.C. Williams Middle School.

Biopharmaceutical company AbbVie is partnering with non-profit educational enrichment group Heart of America to build the lab.

More than 40 volunteers will transform an area in the school into a STEM lab that will provide 500 students with access to new technology and hands-on tools for designing, building, tinkering and creating projects.

The volunteers will also donate book totes with supplies and books for each student to enjoy at home.

WHO: HISD Board of Education trustees; Williams Middle School Principal **Roshanda Griffin**; AbbVie Foundation volunteers; Heart of America volunteers; community supporters; parents and students

WHEN: Friday, June 7
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: M.C. Williams Middle School, 6100 Knox St., 77091

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