

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

Hundreds of students to receive new shoes in spirit of MLK Jr. Day

WHAT: Houston Independent School District Board of Education Trustee Wanda Adams has partnered with national charity Samaritan's Feet to supply 500 pairs of shoes, enough for every student at Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Childhood Center, on Monday as part of her District IX MLK Day of Service.

Adams chose the organization for her service event after the charity was selected to receive a federal grant to provide shoes to underprivileged children nationwide during the month of January in honor of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

HISD's MLK, Jr. Early Childhood Center is one of dozens of sites in the U.S. where Samaritan's Feet will serve the public this month.

The organization seeks to inspire hope in children by providing shoes as the foundation to a healthy spiritual and emotional outlook that leads to educational and economic opportunities.

WHO: HISD Board of Education District IX Trustee **Wanda Adams**, U.S. Rep. **Sheila Jackson Lee**, MLK, Jr. Early Childhood Center Principal **Tremeka Collins**, members of the Houston Black Fire Fighters Association, students, staff, parents and community partners

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 20
1 – 4 p.m.

WHERE: Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Childhood Center
3930 W. Fuqua St., 77045

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