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## HISD to broadcast virtual town hall meeting for students pursuing college

On Tuesday, April 28, the Houston Independent School District will broadcast a virtual town hall meeting to assist students pursuing postsecondary education options during the COVID-19 crisis.

The virtual town hall, which will air in English and Spanish, will include opening remarks from HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan and feature panelists with expertise in the areas of:

- College Admissions
- Scholarships & Financial Aid (FAFSA/TASFA)
- Testing Requirements (SAT, ACT, and TSI)
- Enrollment Tasks (New Student Orientation, Bacterial Meningitis Shots, testing, final transcripts, etc.)

“As a district, we want to ensure our high school seniors have the support they need as they navigate the impact of COVID-19 on their plans for college,” Lathan said. “I encourage all families exploring post-secondary education options to ask questions and tune in and participate in this important virtual town hall discussion.”

The English segment will take place from 3 to 3:45 p.m. The Spanish segment will take place from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Both virtual town hall discussions will be streamed live via HISD-TV at [www.HoustonISD.org/LiveTV](http://www.HoustonISD.org/LiveTV) and broadcast on Comcast Ch. 18 U-verse Ch. 99. Questions can be submitted in advance to [CollegeReadiness@HoustonISD.org](mailto:CollegeReadiness@HoustonISD.org).

ABC 13’s Tom Abrahams will serve as moderator for the town hall broadcasting in English, and Univision 45’s Osvaldo Corral will moderate the discussion broadcasting in Spanish.

During the districtwide closure, HISD continues to provide distance learning through the HISD @ H.O.M.E. platform. More information on resources like counseling, wraparound services, food distribution, and more for families and students affected by COVID-19 can be found at [www.HoustonISD.org/HealthAlerts](http://www.HoustonISD.org/HealthAlerts).

Families can find resources relating to college access and enrollment at [www.HoustonISD.org/CollegeReadiness](http://www.HoustonISD.org/CollegeReadiness).

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