

# HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

## Students to ‘Reconnect Safely, Return Strong’ on HISD’s first day of virtual learning

**WHAT:** On the first day of school, Tuesday, Sept. 8, HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan will visit homes and classrooms in-person and virtually to encourage students and ensure they ‘Reconnect Safely, Return Strong’ for the 2020-2021 school year, which begins with online instruction.

Lathan’s stops will include visiting a ‘Sanctuary of Learning’ site for students in need of a safe place to learn, an HISD Virtual Learning Center, and families’ homes of students who received supports from the districts to ensure they succeed through online learning.

Lathan will also virtually visit teachers’ virtual classrooms, and she will join the HISD Nutrition Services team to help serve curbside meals at Westbury High School.

The first-day-of-school tour will end with the interim superintendent making a surprise visit to the home of a student who had perfect attendance during Camp Spark, HISD’s academic online enrichment program.

**WHO:** HISD Board of Education Trustees, Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, HISD students, educators, staff, and families.

**WHEN/WHERE: Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020**  
**7:30 - 8 a.m.**  
**Sanctuary of Learning Site**  
Trinity United Methodist Church, 2600 Holman St., 77004

**8:30 - 9 a.m.**  
**Virtual Learning Center**  
Seguin Elementary School, 5905 Waltrip St., 77087

**9:30 - 10 a.m.**  
**At-home Instruction/Device Support for Families**  
Carrillo family home, 8662 Valley Drive, 77061

**10:30 - 11 a.m.**  
**Press Conference**  
Rodriguez Elementary School, 5858 Chimney Rock Rd., 77081

Dr. Lathan will host a press conference to address the first day of school at HISD and the supports provided by the district to help students succeed during online learning.

**11:30 a.m. – 12 noon**

**Special Education Supports for Families**

Alexander family home, 2318 Tierwester St., 77004

**12:30 - 1 p.m.**

**Curbside Meals for Families**

Westbury High School, 11911 Chimney Rock Rd., 77035

**2:30 - 3 p.m.**

**Camp Spark Student Surprise Visit**

3214 Lelia St., 77026

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