

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

HISD joins community partners to discuss disaster mitigation project in observance of Preparedness Month

WHAT: The Houston Independent School District, along with the community-action organization Charity Productions, Texas A&M's Institute for Sustainable Communities, and Texas Southern's Executive Master of Public Administration program, will hold a news conference Wednesday to discuss a disaster mitigation plan that benefits 27 ZIP codes in Houston. The event is being held in observance of National Preparedness Month.

The ZIP codes with the greatest need are at high risk for being underserved during a variety of disasters, including pandemics and weather events.

Charity Productions has worked to identify the affected neighborhoods and address their needs.

As a partner in the disaster mitigation plan, HISD developed an emergency management instructional program for students during the 2019-2020 school year. Three students earned their certifications from FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. This year, seven students are taking the course.

WHO: HISD Board of Education trustees, HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, Charity Productions Founder **Charles X. White**, representatives of Texas A&M's Institute for Sustainable Communities and Texas Southern's Executive Master of Public Administration program

WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020
10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Northside Missionary Baptist Church
6915 Curry Road, 77093

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