

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

D.A.R.E. program to provide outreach, mentorship to students at several HISD schools

WHAT: The Houston Independent School District will host a press conference on Monday to announce the return of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program to select HISD schools in partnership with State Representative Jarvis Johnson, D.A.R.E. America, the HISD Police Department, and the Houston Police Department.

This partnership will initially train 35 HISD PD officers and seven HPD officers on teaching evidence-based prevention education curricula to students. The D.A.R.E. training for officers will take place Oct. 5-16.

The two-week training course will provide these 42 officers with the knowledge and tools to help school-aged children address bullying and make good decisions for safe and healthy living. The program will also create an opportunity for police officers and children alike to build positive relationships with each other and the community.

The D.A.R.E. program will be offered during the Spring 2021 semester at the following HISD campuses:

- Black Middle School
- Burrus Elementary School
- Highland Heights Elementary School
- Kennedy Elementary School
- Osborne Elementary School
- Washington High School
- Wesley Elementary School
- Williams Middle School

The program will also be offered to students in HISD's Ascending to Men Project.

WHO: HISD Board of Education trustees, HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, HISD Police Chief **Pedro "Pete" López Jr.**, State Representative **Jarvis Johnson**, HPD Police Chief **Art Acevedo**, and D.A.R.E. America President & CEO **Frank Pegueros**

WHEN: Monday, Oct. 5, 2020
10 a.m.

WHERE: Houston Police Academy
17000 Aldine Westfield Road, 77073
Room 424

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