

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

Yates HS to relaunch soccer program with support from Houston Dynamo

WHAT: The Houston Independent School District, in partnership with the Houston Dynamo, on Friday will announce the return of Yates High School's varsity soccer program.

Dynamo Charities, the philanthropic arm of the Houston Dynamo FC and Houston Dash, will donate 18 boxes of soccer equipment – including goals, corner flags, and hurdles – to both the girls' and boys' teams. Shin guards, cleats, and soccer balls will also be donated by adidas.

Additionally, Houston rapper Trae tha Truth, Dynamo legends DaMarcus Beasley and Ricardo Clark, Dynamo players Michael Nelson and Michael Salazar, and Dash players Nichelle Prince and Shea Groom will address students and discuss the importance of being a student athlete. Students will have the opportunity to ask Dynamo and Dash players questions.

As part of this partnership, the Dynamo organization has also committed to providing coaching support to the school, in line with University Interscholastic League (UIL) standards.

Both teams will begin their season on Nov. 30 in UIL Class 4A soccer.

WHO: HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, Houston Dynamo and Dash Chief Marketing Officer **Katie Skallan**, Dynamo legends **DaMarcus Beasley** and **Ricardo Clark**, Dynamo players **Michael Nelson** and **Michael Salazar**, Dash players **Nichelle Prince** and **Shea Groom**, Houston rapper **Trae tha Truth**, and Yates HS varsity boys and girls soccer teams

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 20, 2020
2:45 p.m.

WHERE: Yates High School – football/soccer field
3650 Alabama St., 77004

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