

# HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

## HISD to hold inaugural Chavez-Huerta Student Symposium to honor activists' legacies

**WHAT:** The Houston Independent School District will hold an inaugural Chavez-Huerta Student Symposium on March 27 to honor the legacies of labor and civil rights activists Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta and to examine their lasting impact on educational, economical, and societal issues.

Students will focus on advocacy, guided by the event's theme: "The Power of Your Voice."

Highlights of the symposium will include performances by students from the Chavez High School feeder pattern schools, keynote speakers, a panel discussion, student project presentations, scholarship awards, and door prizes. Telemundo Houston News Anchor Antonio Hernandez and Heights High School Senior Angel Luna will serve as co-moderators.

On March 29, 2021, HISD schools and offices will be closed in honor of Huerta, who is 90 years old and resides in New Mexico, and the late Chavez, who died in 1993.

**WHO:** HISD Board of Education Trustees, Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, Chief of Staff **Silvia Trinh**, Northwest Area Superintendent **Cesar Martinez**, East Area Superintendent **Geovanny Ponce**, staff, students, community members, and special guests

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 27, 2021  
9 – 11:15 a.m.

**WHERE:** The virtual event may be viewed at: <http://bit.ly/Chavez-Huerta>

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