

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

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

Interim Superintendent Lathan also to receive LULAC Conscience Builder Award

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."

Additionally, HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan will be presented the Conscience Builder Award by the Johnny Matta LULAC Council #19. The award is presented to those who dedicate their lives to the unifying principles of Chavez and Huerta.

Lathan will hold a post-event, in-person news availability following the symposium. The event and news availability may be viewed live at: HoustonISD.org/LiveTV

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**; LULAC Council #19 Vice President **Cynthia De La Rosa**; Former Texas LULAC State Director **Johnny Mata**; Financial Advisor **Gilbert Garcia**; Harris County District Attorney **Kim Ogg**, Houston Police Chief **Art Acevedo** and incoming Houston Police Chief **Troy Finner**.

This event is made possible by LULAC, Tostada Regia Restaurants, Houston Dynamo & Houston Dash, Houston ISD Foundation, Imagina Communications, HP, and Net Sync.

WHEN: Saturday, March 27, 2021
9 a.m. Chavez-Huerta Virtual Student Symposium
11 a.m. Conscience Builder Award presentation

WHERE: Cesar Chavez High School, 8501 Howard Drive, 77017

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