

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

Washington HS to dedicate auditorium, break ground on community ‘Vision’ project

WHAT: Booker T. Washington High School and the High School for the Engineering Professions will dedicate its auditorium to alumna State Rep. Senfronia Thompson.

In addition to her contributions to the community, the 25-term state representative and 1957 Washington high school graduate also gives back to her alma mater. Thompson was the first supporter of “[The Vision](#)” Community Statue Project.

The auditorium dedication will also include students at Booker T. Washington High School Leadership Academy who will explain the details and campaign efforts that will initiate the groundbreaking of a statue of the school’s namesake and the construction of a community plaza. Booker T. Washington will be the third African American to be commemorated with a statue in the city of Houston.

The other two are Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and U.S. Congressman George Thomas “Mickey” Leland, who are also namesakes for campuses in HISD. Washington’s statue will be the first of an African American in the historic Independence Heights community.

Please RSVP by 3 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2021 to pressoffice@houstonisd.org.

Face coverings are required.

WHO: State Rep. **Senfronia Thompson**, State Sen. **John Whitmire**, State Rep. **Jarvis Johnson**, State Rep **Harold Dutton**, Mayor **Sylvester Turner**, Houston City Council Member **Karla Cisneros**, HISD District II Trustee **Katherine Blueford-Daniels**, Harris County Justice of the Peace Judge **Eric Carter**.

WHEN: Saturday, April 24, 2021
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WHERE: Booker T. Washington High School and the High School for Engineering Professions
4204 Yale St., 77018

The event will also be broadcast online and on-air at <http://www.HoustonISD.org/livety> and on HISD TV (Xfinity channel 18 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99).

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