

# HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

## HISD celebrates School Lunch Hero Day with proclamation presentation

*HISD honoring staff for their extraordinary efforts to feed families amidst the COVID-19 pandemic*

**WHAT:** HISD Interim Superintendent Dr. Grenita Lathan will present Nutrition Services staff with a City of Houston proclamation declaring Friday, May 7, 2021, as HISD National School Lunch Hero Day.

The presentation is part of a larger effort to recognize the dedicated team members who have gone above and beyond over the past year to ensure HISD students — three out of four of whom live below the poverty line — have access to good food that is nutritious, flavorful, colorful, wholesome, and locally sourced. All student meals are provided at no cost to families.

Nutrition Services staff have worked six days a week since the start of the pandemic, distributing more than 44.2 million pounds of food and household supplies to families, and staffing more than 10,000 distribution sites. The department has prepared and served more than 8.8 million meals and is projected to serve more than 21 million meals by the end of June.

*Media are invited to attend the presentation and interview various attendees. **RSVP required by noon Wednesday, May 5.***

**WHO:** HISD Interim Superintendent **Dr. Grenita Lathan**, HISD Nutrition Services, Officer **Betti Wiggins**, and Nutrition Services Senior Operations Manager **Keith Lewis**.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021  
2:00 p.m. (Media may begin arriving at 1:30 p.m.)

**WHERE:** Barnett Sports Complex, 6800 Fairway Drive, 77087 (northeast parking area)

**CONTACT:** Please direct all questions to the HISD Press Office at [pressoffice@houstonisd.org](mailto:pressoffice@houstonisd.org) or 713-556-6393.

**HISD PRESS OFFICE** | 713-556-6393 | [PressOffice@HoustonISD.org](mailto:PressOffice@HoustonISD.org) | [HoustonISD.org/HISDmedia](http://HoustonISD.org/HISDmedia)

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the seventh-largest in the United States, with 280 schools and more than 209,772 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

**HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** 4400 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street | Houston, Texas 77092-8501  
[HoustonISD.org](http://HoustonISD.org) | [facebook.com/HoustonISD](https://facebook.com/HoustonISD) • [facebook.com/HISDEspanol](https://facebook.com/HISDEspanol) | [@HoustonISD](https://twitter.com/HoustonISD) • [@HISDEspanol](https://twitter.com/HISDEspanol)