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Donation will help create Las Americas Newcomer School's first orchestra

April 14, 2022 – During its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, the HISD Board of Education approved several agenda items including a donation from a recently retired Houston Symphony violinist that will help create Las Americas Newcomer School's first orchestra.


Linda Goldstein is donating 40 new violin kits – including violin, bow, resin, and case – to Long Academy and Las Americas. She has also arranged for Lisle Violin Shop to provide free maintenance on the instruments. Goldstein will come to the school twice a year as a guest speaker to talk with the orchestra students about the importance of music. Goldstein performed with the Houston Symphony for 40 years.


Las Americas is a newcomer campus that educates recent immigrant and refugee students who have no or very limited English language proficiency and who often have had a limited formal education in their native countries.


Trustees also approved a donation from the Port of Houston Authority to Austin and Yates high schools. The \$25,000 for Austin and \$12,500 for Yates will provide support to students enrolled in maritime studies. Funds will be used to purchase supplies, materials, and student travel.


With board approval, the non-profit Clothed by Faith will provide an in-kind donation to Northline Elementary School, Jane Long Academy, and Las Americas Newcomer School to construct closets that will include all fixtures, shelving, and other materials needed for a clothing closet.

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the eighth-largest in the United States, with 276 schools and nearly 197,000 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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