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HISD partners unveil sustainability upgrades to promote student innovation and learning

WHAT: Houston Independent School District has partnered with Green Mountain Energy Sun Club to host a \$182,000 sustainability renovation unveiling at Mandarin Immersion Magnet School's SPARK Park. HISD students will perform in the new, shared innovation space.

The innovative Asian-themed SPARK Park is an educational and socially engaging space for students and other visitors from the community. The Green Mountain Energy Sun Club grant funded the construction of an ADA-accessible Raincrete path, made of an enhanced, pervious concrete mix that provides significant improvement to drainage with its ability to absorb stormwater and filter it to groundwater.


The project also includes a stand-alone solar workstation, a water bottle-filling station, a stand-alone solar-powered charging station, and a bamboo grove. This new green infrastructure connects the high-intensity training spaces and obstacle courses.


WHO: Texas State Representative **Gene Wu** and HISD Deputy Superintendent **Richard Cruz**


WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 15
9:30 a.m.


WHERE: Mandarin Immersion, 5445 W. Alabama, 77056

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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