

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

HISD welcomes USDA representatives to discuss student nutrition “Beyond the Plate”

WHAT: Houston Independent School District Nutrition Services department will welcome representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture to the Hexser T. Holliday Food Services Support Center, to learn about the district’s Food and Agriculture Literacy Center at Mykawa Farm and participate in a roundtable discussion about the “Beyond the Plate” concept. The concept focuses on building capacity within communities to ensure they have access to healthy food options.

HISD’s Mykawa Farm serves as a working educational farm that integrates nutrition and food science into the core curriculum to provide students with hands-on learning experiences. Students visiting the farm engage with various activities to promote agricultural literacy.


Please RSVP to: NSPromotions@houstonisd.org


WHO: USDA Food Nutrition and Consumer Services Deputy Under Secretary **Stacy Dean**, HISD Nutrition Services Officer **Betti Wiggins**, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, **John Puder**, Whole Kids Foundation Senior Director **Kim Herrington**, UT School of Public Health and Brighter Bites **Dr. Shreela Sharma**, Black United Fund of Texas President **Cleo Johnson**, Texas A&M Junior Master Gardener Program Director **Lisa Whittlesey**, and University of Houston- Downtown Director of Center for Urban Agriculture and Sustainability **Dr. Lisa Morano**


WHEN: Monday, Jan. 30
10:45 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.


WHERE: Hexser T. Holliday Food Services Support Center, 6801 Bennington Street, Houston, TX 77028

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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