

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

Superintendent Millard House joins Mayor Sylvester Turner to read to students

400 volunteers read to students for Second Annual Houston Reads Day

WHAT: Superintendent Millard House, Mayor Sylvester Turner, Houston Texans players, and Houston Texans cheerleaders will join more than 400 volunteers across Houston for Literacy Now's Houston Reads Day, a day dedicated to reading to 14,000 Pre-K-3rd grade students at 31 schools in Houston ISD and Aldine ISD.

Literacy Now is a local nonprofit dedicated to transforming communities by empowering children and families through literacy, leadership, and life skills. Houston Reads Day will support Literacy Now's expansion and bring awareness to the literacy crisis in our city.


Forty-one percent of Houston-area children are not ready for kindergarten, and 73 percent of third graders are not reading at grade level. The ability to read proficiently by the end of third grade is a significant predictor of high school graduation and other adverse outcomes, including serious behavior problems, joblessness, crime, and homelessness.


WHO: Mayor **Sylvester Turner**, Superintendent **Millard House II**, Literacy Now executive director **Jacque Daughtry**, Bruce Elementary School Principal **Shawn Nickerson**, Houston Texans players, Houston Texans cheerleaders, Houston Reads Day volunteers

WHEN: Wednesday, March 2, 2022
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Bruce Elementary School
510 Jensen Dr, 77020

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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