**HISD to announce winning school of NCAA Read to the Final Four literacy challenge**

**What:** Nearly 10,000 Houston Independent School District elementary school students will pack NRG Stadium to hear the district announce the winner of the NCAA Team Works Read to the Final Four Literacy Program at the [Reese’s Final Four Friday](http://www.ncaa.com/final-four/final-four-friday/overview) event.

                                Read to the Final Four, a bracket-themed reading challenge, began in September with nearly 6,800 third-graders from 68 schools. The final four schools in the competition are Browning, Carrillo, Dogan, and Janowski elementary schools. Schools advanced in the literacy competition based on the amount of time their students spent reading. To date, students have logged more than 6.4 million minutes of reading time.

The winning school will receive a $5,000 cash prize, Final Four trophy, and a campus celebration. Additionally, the top readers from each of the 68 schools will receive a bicycle from the local nonprofit, CYCLE (Changing Young Children’s Lives Through Education).

The competition was created by the district in partnership with the Houston NCAA Final Four Local Organizing Committee, Houston Public Library, and the University of Houston as part of Houston’s selection as the host city for the 2016 NCAA Men’s Basketball Final Four.

                                The literacy challenge is aligned with the district’s Literacy By 3 Initiative, which aims to have every child reading on grade level by the end of third grade.

                                \****Media are invited to attend the announcement that will take place during the Reese’s Final Four Friday event at NRG, where they can interview students, staff, and community partners that supported the competition.***

**Who:** HISD Board of Education trustees **Wanda Adams**, **Diana Dávila**, and **Anna Eastman**, HISD Chief Academic Officer **Andrew Houlihan**, Houston Final Four Local Organizing Committee Chairman **Tony Chase**, HISD elementary school students, Atherton Elementary School drumline

**When:                  Friday, April 1, 2016, 11:30 a.m.**

**Where:** NRG Stadium, Reliant Parkway, Houston 77054

