

**HISD Superintendent to welcome students back to school**

*District leadership to visit six campuses and thank volunteers on first day*

*Sept. 08, 2017* – Two weeks after Hurricane Harvey tore through the city, displacing thousands of our students, the Houston Independent School District is welcoming students back to their second home: school.  Superintendent Richard Carranza will crisscross the city on a six-campus tour to welcome them back to school Monday.  Members of the HISD Board of Education will join Carranza along the tour.

Superintendent Carranza will also join Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner for a press conference at Bruce Elementary School to speak about the recovery from Harvey, and the Achieve 180 initiative the district is rolling out to attack barriers to achievement at 32 of our historically underserved schools.

“We have challenges ahead of us, but we’re ready to rebuild,” said Carranza.  “We are ready to get back to educating our kids, and get them close to some sense of normalcy.”

The tour will wrap up at Delmar Fieldhouse where the Superintendent and Trustees will thank volunteers who have worked tirelessly since the storm to collect and distribute donations for our students and families impacted by Harvey.

**Superintendent Richard Carranza’s first-day-of-school schedule**

 7:22a.m: **Neighborhood Bus Stop,** 4610 Allison, Houston, TX 77048 – Carranza will kick off the first day of school riding a HISD school bus with kids on their way to school.

7:45a.m-8:15a.m.: **Codwell Elementary**, 5225 Tavenor Ln, Houston, TX 77048­– Carranza will serve breakfast in the classroom.  Codwell returns to its newly renovated home for the first time since moisture problems forced the building’s temporary closure in 2014.

9:00a.m-9:30a.m.: **Milby High School**, 1601 Broadway St, Houston, TX 77012 – Carranza will tour the new campus rebuilt under the 2012 bond program.

**11:00am: Press Conference at** [**Bruce Elementary**](http://www.houstonisd.org/cvhs), 510 Jensen Dr, Houston TX 77020 –Superintendent Richard Carranza and Board of Education Trustees will join Mayor Sylvester Turner to speak about Harvey recovery during a Press Conference in the school’s library.

12:15 a.m-12:45a.m.: **Rice K-8**, 7550 Seuss Dr, Houston, TX 77025 – Carranza will visit HISD STEM school whose magnet program is focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

1:15 p.m-1:45p.m.: [**Westbury High School**](http://www.houstonisd.org/LeeHS), 11911 Chimney Rock Rd, Houston, TX 77035 – Carranza will tour a performing and visual arts magnet and linked learning school.

2:30 p.m-3:15p.m.: **Marshall Middle School**, 1115 Noble St, Houston, TX 77009 – This will be the final school on his tour.

4:00p.m.-4:30p.m.: **Delmar Stadium**, 2020 Mangum Rd, Houston Tx 77092- Superintendent Carranza and Board of Education Trustees will be assisting in sorting donations collected for students and families impacted by Harvey and thanking volunteers.

A number of HISD schools will not open Monday, Sept. 11 due to the rolling start dates. Some schools are scheduled to open on Sept. 18 and Sept. 25.  A new start date has been added: Sept. 12. Students from nine campuses with the most significant damage are scheduled to start classes in temporary locations on Monday Sept. 25.

***EDITORS: Please note that HISD-TV will have a camera crew on the school bus with Superintendent Carranza for the entirety of the tour.  That video will be provided to media outlets through WeTransfer upon request.***