

**HISD set to honor 600 reading mentors during volunteer appreciation breakfast**

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| **What:** | The Houston Independent School District, in partnership with the Barbara Bush Literacy Foundation, will host its fourth annual Read Houston Read Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast to honor individuals who have committed their time and effort during the 2017-18 school year to help HISD elementary students improve their literacy skills. Read Houston Read is a volunteer-based reading intervention program for first- and second-grade HISD students in which members of the community contribute at least 30 minutes each week to read to or with a child, either online or in person. This year, 600 volunteers participated in the Read Houston Read program in more than 40 HISD schools; approximately 400 of them contributed their time via online conferencing while another 200 mentored students in person. Two volunteers will receive a special recognition, one as the in-person Volunteer of the Year and the other as online Volunteer of the Year. To sign up as a volunteer or learn more about Read Houston Read, visit HoustonISD.org/ReadHoustonRead. |
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| **Who:** | HISD Board of Education Trustees **Wanda Adams**, **Elizabeth Santos** and **Sergio Lira**, HISD administrative leaders, and Read Houston Read volunteers |
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| **When:** | **Tuesday, May. 1, 2018, 8 – 9:30 a.m.** |
| **Where:** | Children’s Museum of Houston1500 Binz St., Houston, 77004**Media interested in covering must RSVP to the HISD Press Office (**PressOffice@houstonisd.org **or 713-556-6393).** |