**HISD to unveil updated libraries at three campuses**

**What:** The Houston Independent School District will showcase updated and improved 21st century library spaces with additional books and digital resources at three campuses Wednesday to boost literacy skills and to ensure students have access to a robust library.

New book collections, iPads, and printers have been added to libraries at Attucks and Cullen middle schools as well as Yates High School.

The library improvements will augment existing classroom libraries at Cullen and Attacks that are part of the district’s Literacy in the Middle initiative. As part of Literacy in the Middle, over half-a-million books were distributed to all HISD middle schools at the start of the school year to create classroom libraries, not just in English classrooms, but in math, science, and social studies classrooms as well. The classroom libraries, along with the new and improved school libraries, will provide students with access to a variety of texts on various topics.

The Attucks and Cullen libraries will include special seating to accommodate students using laptops and a technology bar that will allow students to easily use digital tools. Students also will have access to Google Glass, 20 iPads, a color printer, and an eBook collection that has grown to nearly 600 interactive texts.

The new Yates library will offer students access to 50 iPads, Makerspace circuity kits, and an eBook collection with more than 1,700 interactive texts. Students also will have access to a new color printer and 3D printer.

The district also will announce a collaboration with the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, which will donate 1,200 books to students at Attucks and Cullen to help build the students’ home libraries.

**Who:** Houston ISD Board of Education Trustee **Jolanda Jones**, HISD Superintendent **Richard Carranza**, Chief Academic Officer **Grenita Lathan**, Houston ISD Library Services Manager **Janice Newsum**, HISD studentsand principals

**When/Where: Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

 **Attucks Middle School**, 4330 Bellfort Boulevard, 77051

 **Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

 **Cullen Middle School**, 6900 Scott St., 77021

 **Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

 **Yates High School**, 3703 Sampson St., 77004