

# HISD Media Advisory

## HISD students to launch financial literacy book club at 20-plus schools as part of Houston Money Week

**What:** The Houston Independent School District has teamed up with the Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank to launch a financial literacy book club for middle school students, as part of [Houston Money Week](#). Houston Money Week is a community-wide financial education initiative held April 1-8 to empower families and individuals to be successful in making financial choices.

Volunteers with Houston Money Week, the Federal Reserve Bank and financial institution partners will conduct book chats about financial literacy and sponsor the purchase of more than 1,000 books that will be distributed to students at 27 schools. Seventh and eighth-grade students will be provided a copy of author Jerry Spinelli's book, "Crash," which tells the story of a seventh-grade boy who characterizes people based on his definition of wealth. Business professionals from the corporate and banking industries will read a passage from the book to students and speak to them about the importance of saving money.

The program is aligned with the district's Literacy in the Middle initiative in which 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.

***\*Media are invited to attend the district's kick-off event for Houston Money Week and its financial literacy book club for middle school students. Media will be allowed to visit a classroom where students will participate in a financial literacy activity. Students, staff members, and representatives of the partnership will be available for interviews.***

**Who:** Stevenson Middle School Principal **Ruth Ruiz**, representatives from The Federal Reserve Bank, as well as Stevenson students and staff, HISD Officer of Secondary Curriculum and Development **Annie Wolfe**, and HISD Mathematics Director **Alyssa Howell**

**When:** **Monday, April 3; 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and 9:20 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

**Where:** **Stevenson Middle School, 9595 Winkler Dr., Houston 77017**

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