**Houston ISD**

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the seventh-largest in the United States. It serves approximately 215,000 students at 284 campuses and is one of the largest employers in Houston, with about 29,000 team members. The district is the two-time winner of the prestigious Broad Prize for Urban Education.

HISD is a district of choice, meaning that it offers a robust portfolio of schools that allows families to choose the school that best meets their child’s academic needs and interests. Families can choose from strong neighborhood schools, magnet and specialized programs, Montessori, early college high schools, gifted and talented programs, and career and technical academies.

Houston ISD’s vision includes the Global Graduate profile, which places an emphasis on ensuring our students graduate ready for the world — possessing the characteristics they need to be successful in college and to compete in today’s global workforce.

Dr. Grenita Lathan was named interim superintendent of the Houston Independent School District in March 2018. Dr. Lathan is the first African-American woman to serve as superintendent in Houston ISD.

In 1991, Dr. Lathan began her career in education as a teacher at Morehead High School in Eden, N.C. While in North Carolina she also served as both assistant principal and principal at other campuses. In 2008 she was named chief elementary school improvement officer of the San Diego Unified School District and then interim deputy superintendent in 2009.

Dr. Lathan was then named the superintendent of Peoria Public Schools in 2010, where she oversaw approximately 14,000 students. Five years later in 2015, Dr. Lathan moved to Houston and served as HISD chief school officer over elementary transformation schools for a year. During this time, she led more than 20 schools out of an “improvement required” state rating to a “met standard” rating. During the 2016-2017 school year, she served as HISD chief academic officer.

Dr. Grenita Lathan holds a bachelor’s degree in business education from North Carolina A&T State University, a master’s degree in business education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and a doctoral degree from Southern Illinois University.