

# Message from Nellie Naidoo, PTO President

## History behind Parent University by PTO President, Nellie Naidoo

**Please read, its important to attend.**

HISD will launch Parent University on Sept. 27, a new program for the 2018-2019 school year to support parents and families in the education of their children and introduce them to district programs, resources, and parent-engagement strategies.

To kick off the program, all HISD schools will hold their own Parent University events on their campus on **Sept. 27**. The HISD-led Parent University meetings will take place monthly, beginning in October, and will be conducted at four geographically dispersed locations throughout the city.

“This is an opportunity to better engage our families and parents across the district by providing them not only with the resources the district offers, but access to community-based organizations and our partnering entities,” said HISD Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer Rick Cruz.

Each Parent University session will begin with a resource fair featuring HISD staff and community partners. At the end of the year, parents will receive recognition for their successful completion of the program.

## Message from Principal Perry

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HoustonISD, under the direction of Dr. Grenita Lathan, is sponsoring a district wide “Parent University” next Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:50 – 8:00 pm. DeBakey HSHP plans to host the following school activities and community resources for parents during the event:

- Financial aid seminar for parents of the Class of 2019
- Voter registration
- VIPS registration
- Technology training: Naviance, Gradespeed, HUB
- Anxiety/stress seminar (pending confirmation of speaker)

Dinner and babysitting will be provided.