



Harlingen CISD

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Harlingen CISD begins new school year with a kickoff

On **Thursday, Aug. 23**, HCISD will hold their annual district kick off celebration at the Harlingen Municipal Auditorium.

With approximately 3,000 district employees attending, two sessions will be held at **9 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

This year, Erin Gruwell is the first guest speaker out of three from the Distinguished Speaker Series. Gruwell's life as a school teacher at Wilson High School in Long Beach, California was made into a movie titled *Freedom Writers*, starring Academy Award winner Hilary Swank. Gruwell created The Freedom Writers Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded in 1997.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Wade will be continuing the HCISD Tradition of Excellence by congratulating this year's recognized campuses and discussing the District's commitment on better preparing HCISD students for a successful future in the competitive world we live in.

****Reporters and photographers are invited to this event.***

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