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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **Donna Howard Celebrates Read Across America Day at Wayside: Altamira Academy**

**AUSTIN, TEXAS** – This week, schools around the country are celebrating their love of literacy in preparation for Read Across America Day, celebrated annually on Dr. Seuss' birthday. In anticipation of the day, state representative Donna Howard will read Dr. Seuss stories to scholars at Wayside: Altamira Academy in Southeast Austin.

Read Across America Day is an annual literacy celebration that aims to motivate and encourage children to read. As it falls on the birthday of beloved author Dr. Seuss, many schools dress up in wacky outfits throughout the week, using his books as inspiration.

On Thursday, Wayside: Altamira Academy scholars will dress up in green to celebrate one of Dr. Seuss' most popular books, Green Eggs & Ham. Howard, who represents the 48th district in the Texas House of Representatives, will join the fun by treating scholars to a reading of the book.

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**WHEN:** Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Wayside: Altamira Academy, 220 Foremost Drive, Austin, TX 78745

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#### ***About Wayside Schools***

*Wayside Schools is an open-enrollment, tuition-free PreK3-12 public charter school network that provides over 2,200 scholars across its four Southeast Austin campuses with an International Baccalaureate (IB) education. The district is made up of three elementary schools and one secondary school. Its mission is to prepare scholars to be college ready, community engaged, global citizens through a rigorous, community-enriched education guided by the IB framework and personalized instruction.*

#### ***About Donna Howard***

*Representative Donna Howard has served in the Texas House of Representatives since 2006. She is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, and sits on its Article III Subcommittee which oversees education spending in the state budget. Donna serves as Vice Chair of the Calendars Committee, and is also a longtime member of the Higher Education and House Administration Committees.*