THE VARNETT GAZETTE

Back to School 2026 - 2027

A strong start for student success



All aboard for a new year of learning, growth, and possibility.

From the Superintendent

A Strong Start Begins Together

A fall message to the Varnett family

Dear Varnett Families, Staff, and Community,

The 2026–2027 school year is off to a joyful and purposeful start. Across our three campuses, students are building new routines, teachers are creating engaging classrooms, and families are partnering with us to help every scholar succeed.

This fall, we will remain focused on the daily actions that drive growth: strong instruction, consistent attendance, safe and welcoming schools, clear communication, and high expectations for every child.

We are also proud to begin the year with an “A” rating through Charter FIRST. This recognition reflects responsible stewardship and a strong operational foundation, so our attention and resources can stay centered on student success.

As we live our theme, I invite each of us to keep asking: What change will begin with me? Together, let us choose excellence, kindness, service, and hope.

Together, let’s Be the Change.

Dr. Nita White

Dr. Nita White, Superintendent

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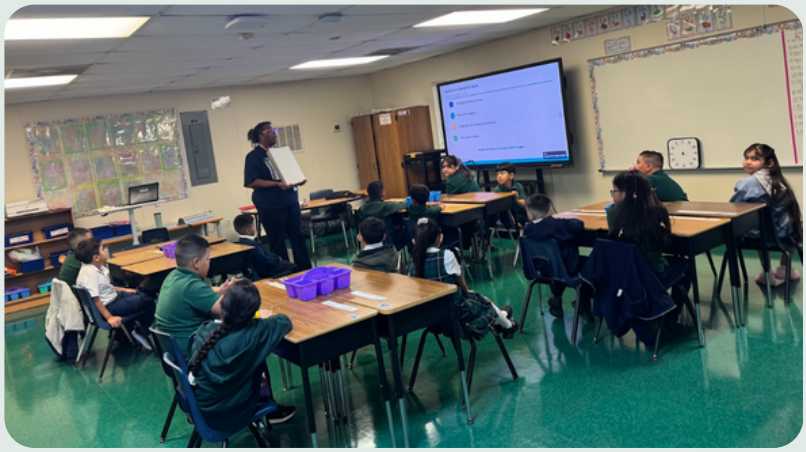
CAMPUS MOMENTS

Back in the classroom

New routines. New connections. A year of possibilities.

















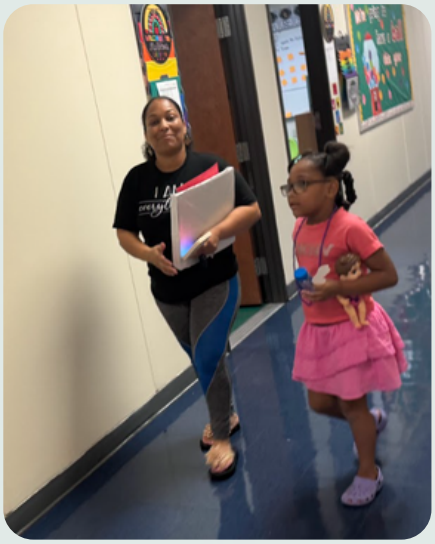
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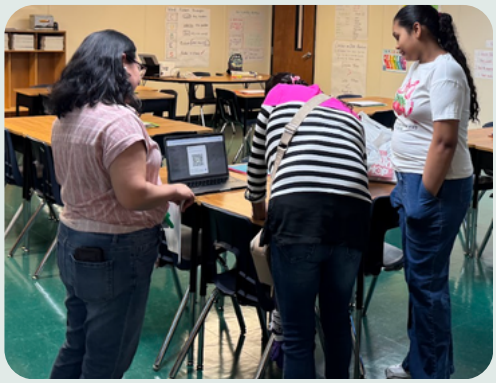
Connections that Count

Thank you to the families and staff helping every scholar feel welcome.



















Learning. Growing. shining together.

New routines. New connections. A year of possibilities.





Click Here for more pics!



Thank for coming out, we'll see you again soon!

Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month
Together We are more!



QUICK LINKS FOR FAMILIES!

District Website

Student Grades



Transportation



Instructional Calendar



Food Services & Menus

FAMILY CONNECTION

Four Ways to Keep the Strong Start Going

Simple actions that help students thrive

1 Every Day, On Time

Make attendance and on-time arrival a daily priority. When a barrier comes up, contact the campus early so the team can help.

2 Check Communications

Review the Varnett website and campus messages regularly. Keep telephone, email, address, and emergency contacts current.

3 Plan Transportation

Review bus route information and help students learn their route, stop, and dismissal plan. Transportation questions: mthorne@varnett.org.

4 Fuel Learning

Free breakfast and lunch are available to all Varnett students. Review campus menus and encourage students to begin each day ready to learn.

EAST CAMPUS

Ready to Lift Scholars Higher

East educators opened the year with energy, teamwork, and a shared commitment to help every scholar grow.

Visit campus website →

NORTHEAST CAMPUS

Routines That Build Confidence

Students are settling into classrooms, building relationships, and developing the habits that support success.

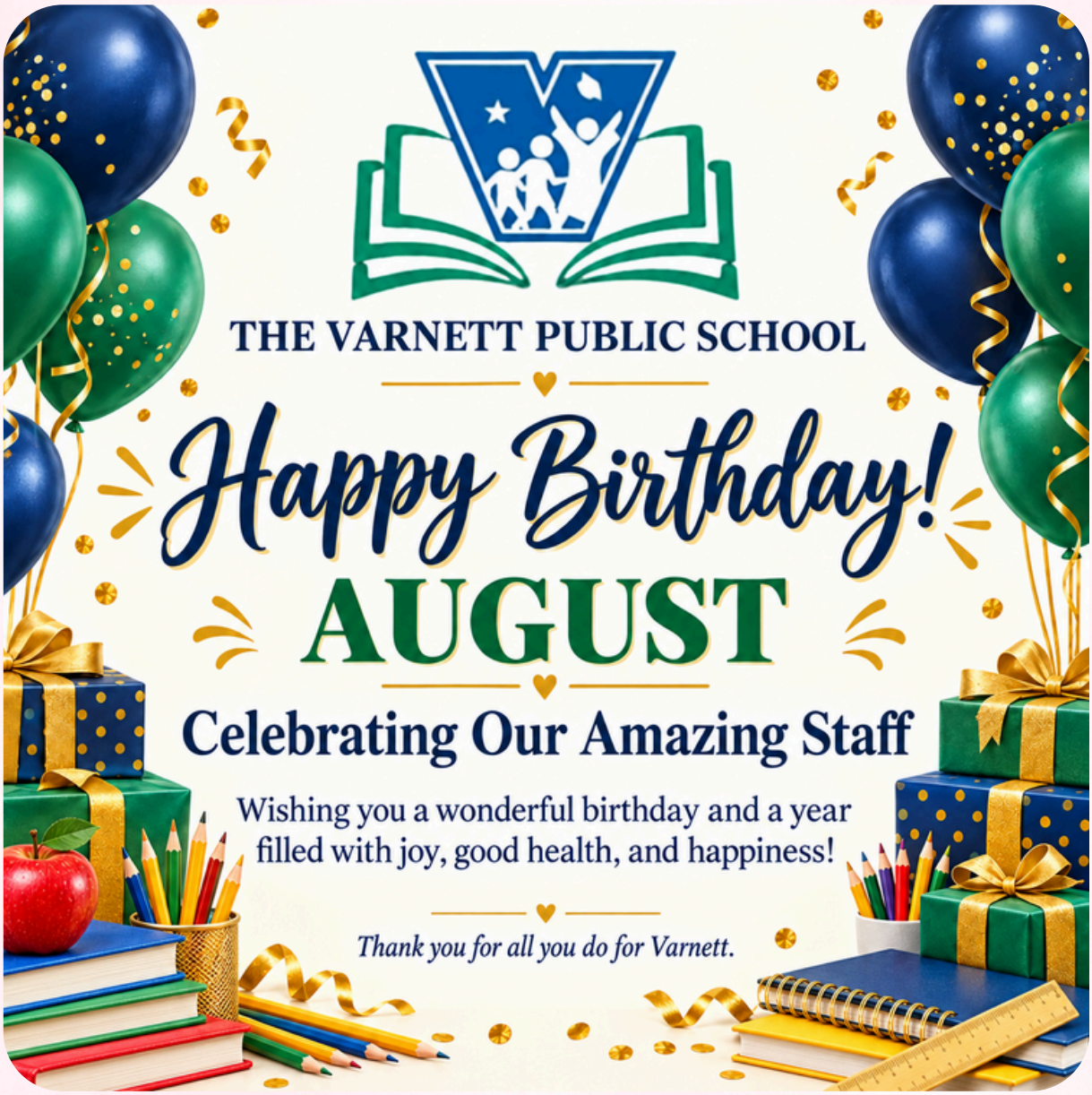
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SOUTHWEST CAMPUS

A New Chapter of Leadership

Campus Director Mrs. Amesha Forward and the Southwest team are strengthening family partnership and joyful learning.

Visit campus website →



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Kienyata Smalls - August 5th
Kimberlyn D Wilkins - August 6th
Brittney Delasbour - August 8th
Shaunta Holmes - August 10th
Dimitrie Rainey - August 13th
Patricia Monge - August 22nd
Marianna Fuenmayor - August 24th
Truong Nguyen - August 29th
Elizabeth Urbina - August 23rd
Ericka Viola - August 29th
John Palumbo - August 31st





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

LaJuana Short - September 1st
Edith Roque - September 2nd
Shkela Wiseman - September 3rd
Courtney Butler - September 5th
Leanna Nevels September 5th
Francesca Amos - September 6th
Shanda Walker - September 7th
Patricia Gomez Pineda - September 8th
Karen Belarmino - September 8th
Paulina Maldonado Tovar - September 9th
Kendrick Donahoe - September 10th
Andres Astorga- September 17th
Latunya Chaney - September 18th
Joycelynn Knotts - September 22nd
Cosha Pratt - September 22nd
Taylor O'Neal - September 24th
Martha Moya Cordies - September 25th
Naomi Brown - September 28th





To learn more about the Texas Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA Program, visit the Texas Education Agency(TEA) webpage at www.tiatexas.org

YES Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Congratulations to The Varnett Northeast Campus!

August 2026 Attendance Winner!



(L-R Varnett Northeast Campus Director, Dimitrie Rainey is presented with monthly trophy by Superintendent, Dr. Nita White)



(L-R Superintendent, Dr. Nita White presents Mr. Anthony Ally with the Classroom Teacher attendance trophy of the month at Varnett NE for August 2026)

For the 3rd year in a row, The Varnett Public Schools kicked off the year with unified goals of 98% attendance! This friendly competition started strong with campuses being on purpose with their communication efforts with parents, students, and staff so that all understand that a student out of school is falling short on learning what their peers are learning that day. **The Varnett Northeast Campus led by Director, Dimitrie Rainey** earned the trophy for the Month of August! The Northeast campus has also won the annual competition for the past two years! The numbers were1/10 of a point off for the East & Southwest campuses, showing great effort by all! Congratulations staff, students and parents for making daily attendance a priority!

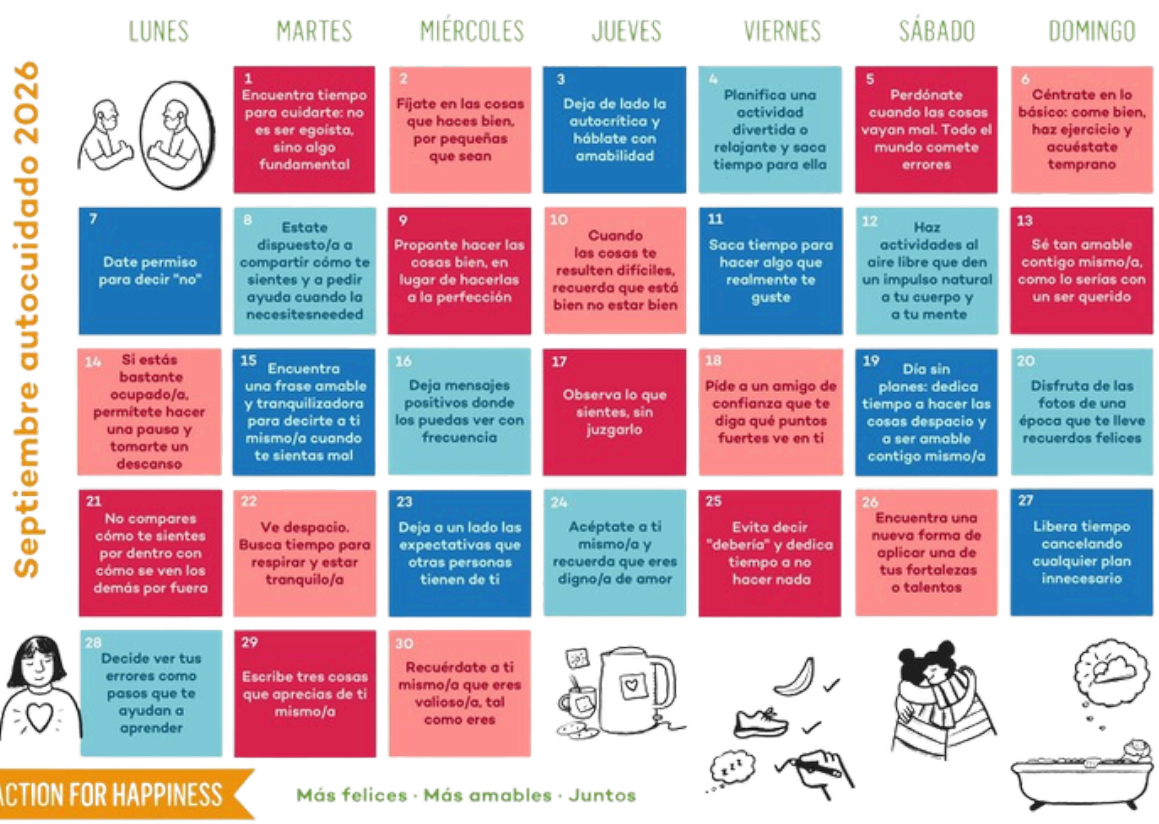
September is selfcare awareness month!

Thank you to our Varnett Public School Counseling team for weekly Welness Wednesday submissions! Click here for an additional resource for monthly intentional focus on you! FREE & available is several languages!











Click here for monthly menu offerings!

















Athletic Coach Interest Form

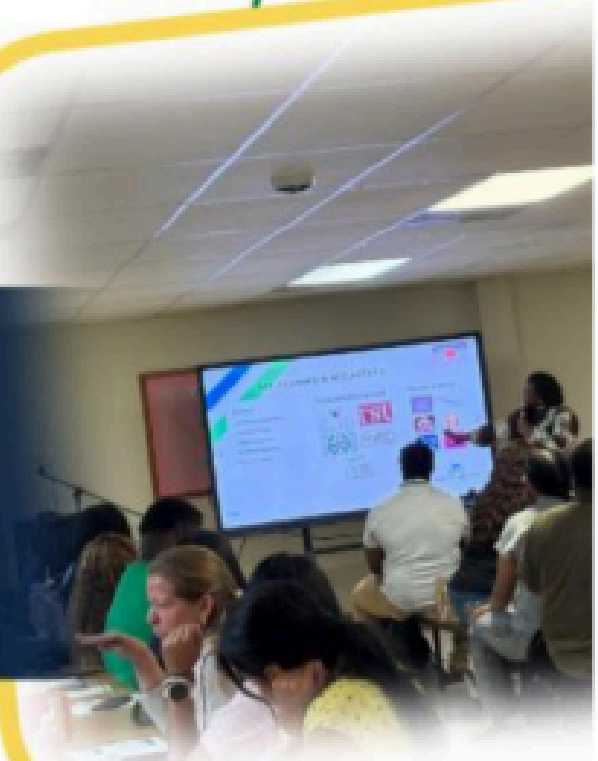
We are excited to prepare for our upcoming athletic season and are seeking dedicated, passionate individuals to join our coaching team. Coaching is an incredible opportunity to inspire, mentor, and guide our student-athletes both on and off the field.

Whether you have years of experience or are just beginning your coaching journey, we welcome anyone who is committed to sportsmanship, teamwork, and student growth. Employees are encouraged complete the 2026 - 2027 Athletic Coaching Interest Form to get ready for an outstanding season!

21ST September
8 AM - 4 PM

Be the Change.
VARNETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Professional Development



Breakfast & Lunch:

Breakfast will be on your own.

Lunch will be provided for everyone during the scheduled lunch break.

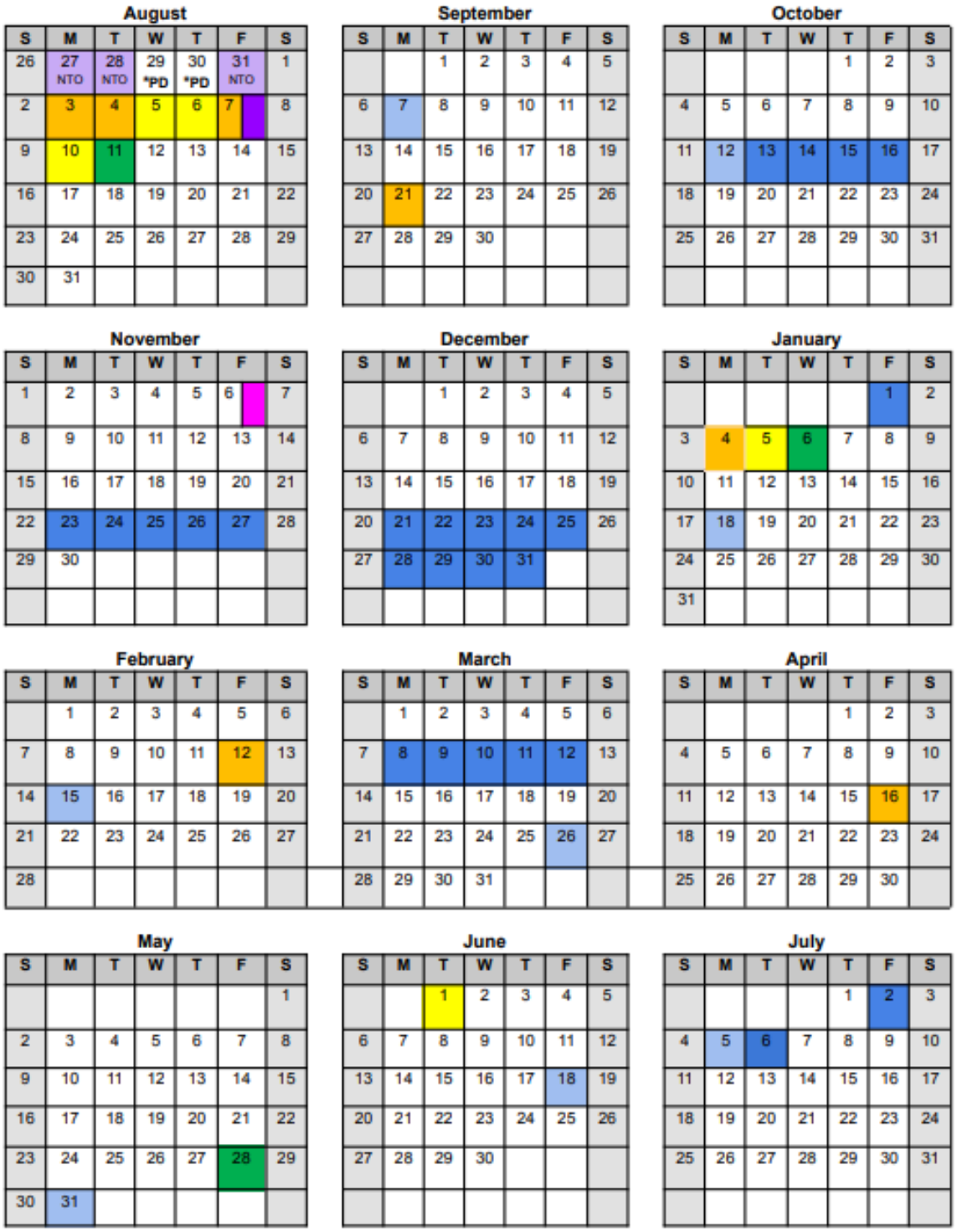
Be on time!

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Southwest Campus:
5025 S. Willow
Houston, TX 77035

The Varnett Public School
A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

2026-2027 Academic Calendar



Calendar Components

First and Last Days of School	District Professional Development (no students)
Federal Holidays	New Teacher Orientation (NT)
Holidays/School Closed	Convocation
Teacher Preparation Days (no students)	Campus PD/Work Day
	Half Day (Parent Teacher Conference)

Enroll Now!


JOIN US FOR THE 2026- 2027 SCHOOL YEAR!
THE VARNETT PUBLIC SCHOOL
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TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED
FINE ARTS
STEM
BASKETBALL
CHEER
SOCCER
Enroll Your Child for
2026 – 2027!
Limited spots available
for PreK through 8th Grade!

FOR SPECIFIC UNIFORM ITEMS REQUIRED
VISIT THE VPS OFFICIAL SCHOOL UNIFORMS WEBPAGE!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS by TOMMY HILFIGER

THE VARNETT PUBLIC SCHOOL
Partner School Number : VARN01

PARA CONOCER LOS ARTÍCULOS ESPECÍFICOS DEL UNIFORME REQUERIDOS,
¡VISITE LA PÁGINA WEB OFICIAL DE UNIFORMES ESCOLARES DE VPS!

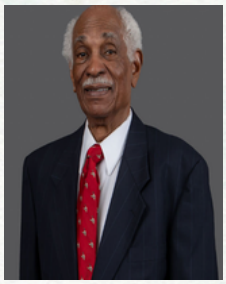


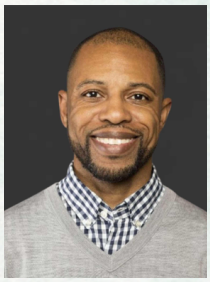
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Serving families in the greater Houston Area for over 42 years!

The Varnett Public School 2026 - 2027 Board of Directors


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Board President

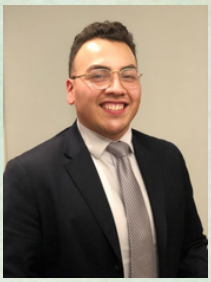

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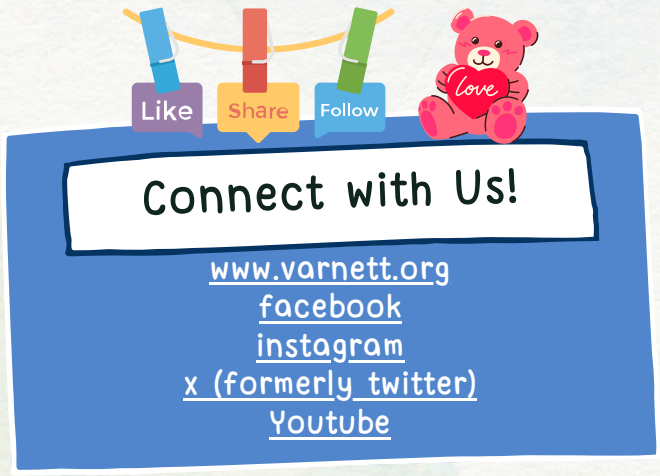

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Approved 2025 - 2026
TEACHER INCENTIVE ALLOTMENT
Public School District

