

GRENITA LATHAN
HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Grenita Lathan serves as Interim Superintendent of the Houston Independent School District – Texas’ largest school district and the seventh-largest public school district in the country. HISD is comprised of 210,000 students enrolled at 280 campuses, and nearly 27,000 full- and part-time employees support HISD students.

Dr. 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, and a doctoral degree from Southern Illinois University. Dr. Lathan began her education career in 1991 as a teacher at Morehead High School in Eden, N.C., and subsequently served as both assistant principal and principal at other campuses in that state.

She was named chief elementary school improvement officer of the San Diego Unified School District in 2008 and interim deputy superintendent in 2009. Dr. Lathan became superintendent of Peoria Public Schools in 2010.

She served as HISD chief school officer over elementary transformation schools during the 2015-2016 school year, in which she led more than 20 schools out of an “improvement required” state rating to a “met standard” rating. She served as HISD chief academic officer beginning in the 2016-2017 school year until being named interim superintendent in March 2018.