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Texas Educators Vote Update

As we travel around the state talking to members, we are encouraged to find Texas educators embracing a culture of voting and making their voices heard through the civic act of voting. The sense of empowerment is palpable and translates to political power by electing candidates who value and support public education.

While the Texas primary is past, and your TV's are no doubt flooded with news of the impending presidential elections, there are runoff elections for Texas legislative offices that will be held in May, and school board elections are coming up as well.

There is one week left to register to vote in the primary runoff elections (April 25th deadline), and early voting begins in a month (May 16th)! For detailed information on voter registration, please click here: <http://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/register-to-vote/>

For a list of runoff elections including Texas Senate, House, and State Board of Education. click here: http://texaseducatorsvote.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/May2016_Runoff_Elections.pdf

As a result of your efforts, many pro-public education candidates won their elections in March, but some are facing tough runoff elections. These runoffs are just as important as the primary! **If your district has a runoff election, please team up with your retired teachers to get involved and educated on the candidates.** To find the retired teacher groups near you, visit this link: <http://www.trta.org/localunit> or call the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) office in Austin at [1-800-880-1650](tel:1-800-880-1650).

Thank you for your continued work to create a culture of voting! Keep up the good work, and let's exercise our political power at the ballot box.

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