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Texas Educators Vote Update

The end of the year is in sight, and between now and then you have a million things to do. They are all important, and they all take time, focus, and resources. And...we keep reminding you to get out the vote! Today, **we want to let you know that we are here to help you** create the culture of voting and increase civic participation in your district.

Let us know what you need and how we can help you. Here are some ideas of things you can ask us to do:

1. Contact retired teachers in your area to help educate your teachers on the issues and to set up candidate forums.
2. Ask Pastors for Texas Children to talk about the importance of public education in their sermons in your area. Or ask them to hold a meeting with the candidates and voters in your area.
3. Draft posts for your marquee with dates and locations of upcoming elections.
4. Prepare mailers to put in staff mailboxes encouraging them to vote, and reminding them that elected officials make important decisions that affect all aspects of education.
5. Provide an agenda for "muffins with mom" or "donuts with dad" before school, along with encouragement to go vote in the runoff.
6. Draft the rules for a district competition between campuses for the highest voter turnout in the runoff elections.

There are only a few days left before the April 25th deadline to register to vote in the primary runoff elections. For detailed voter registration information, please click here:
<http://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/register-to-vote/>

"Voting is a right bestowed upon citizens through the U.S. Constitution. No one can take this right away. Each citizen must foster a greater sense of civic responsibility in our communities through our students and the adult population. The troubling state of civic responsibility, specifically as evidenced by low voter turnout, should be a concern of all Texas educators. We must work together to develop new civic habits. Election day is the customary opportunity to participate in one's ultimate civic duty. Let your voice be heard, take a stand, care enough to be informed. Get out and VOTE!"

-The above quote is from our "Voter's Guide" which you can find here:
http://texaseducatorsvote.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/voters-guide-9_30_15.pdf

Please let us know how we can help you!

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