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Texas Educators Vote Update

Early voting starts next Tuesday, February 16th!

This is our time to show our collective will to support public education. Let's show Texas that the sleeping giant has awakened! We may not have the millions of dollars that our opponents are spending, but we do have the right to vote and we must exercise that right if we wish to be heard now and in the upcoming legislative session. Please urge your employees to get to the polls and participate in the democratic process of voting. [You have created a culture of voting, and now it's show time!](#)

- Hopefully you have reserved your buses and are ready to go.
- Mark your marquees with early voting dates of February 16-26.
- Kick off your competition for how many employees have "I voted" stickers to show. Ask them to wear the sticker each day after they have voted to spur classroom conversation and encourage others to vote.

Please let people know that voting is more fulfilling when they are educated on their choices. There are several groups that have outlined the key public education issues and have information on candidates in your areas.

1. TexasEducatorsVote.com – Links to our Facebook and Twitter pages are where more specific candidate information will be shared. <http://texaseducatorsvote.com/>
2. TeachTheVote.org – A non-partisan education issues website that presents voting records, candidate surveys, and relevant third-party endorsements. This is a great place for educators to go learn about candidates' positions on public education for themselves. <http://www.teachthevote.org/>
3. League of Women Voters – Texas Voter Guide is a non-partisan and unbiased list of candidates in contested races. Candidates answer specific questions posed by the League of Women Voters. <http://www.lwvtexas.org/elections.html>
4. Texas Parent Pac – A bipartisan political action committee for parents, grandparents, and others who support public education. Their endorsements will be available before early voting begins. <http://www.txparentpac.com/>

What we do this next week will affect what we can do in the coming months and years. Aim for 100% voter participation in your district!

Thanks and good luck!