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Texas Educators Vote Update

A recurrent theme of this week's TACS legislative breakfast was the importance of being involved in the legislative process and VOTING. President Jeff McClure of Henrietta ISD reminded us that public educators used to have the power to virtually elect or un-elect Governors in Texas, citing the days when educators voted Mark White in and then out of the Governor's office. Jeff expressed disappointment that we are now "a sleeping giant" and it is time for educators **wake up and take back our power at the ballot box.**

Time is of the essence. **February 1st is the last day to register to vote in the Texas primaries!** There are only a few days left to get your staff to register to vote. The primary is March 1st and 90% of Texas legislative races will be decided then.

If you are wondering how to get your staff to register to vote, Joe Burns of Copperas Cove, gave us a winning plan to motivate teachers and other public school employees to vote! **Blue jean days!**

Send a quick message to your employees that if they register to vote (or show you that they have already done so) they can earn blue jean days. Districts have told us they are awarding 2-5 blue jean days for teachers and others who have registered to vote.

This link <http://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/> also on our website <http://texaseducatorsvote.com/> has a wealth of information on how to see if you are registered, how to get registered, and more.

Please make this last push to get your district employees registered before the February 1st deadline!

Thanks for all you do!

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