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Texas Educators Vote Update

Next week, many of you will have local elections, either for school board, bonds, or other local issues. The culture of voting you have been cultivating should inspire educators to turn out at the polls and make their voices heard. With time, voting will be second nature and our democracy will be that much richer and more robust. Just like there are always more things to do in May- more tests to give, more athletic banquets, more award ceremonies, more of everything - there are MORE ELECTIONS! Later in May there are runoff elections in many of your districts and these are perhaps the most important local elections of the year.

Starting late next week, we will be sending you emails with attached flyers to distribute to your teams about voting, and specific emails will go to those of you with very important runoff races for public education. With fewer voters turning out at the polls for runoff elections, each voter has even more power. A single vote can change the outcome of an election!

In addition to asking you to plan ways to get your employees to vote (blue jeans days, contests for highest participation, busses to the polls, parents covering for teachers so they can go as a team, etc.) we encourage you to remind your employees to follow Texas Educators Vote on Facebook and on Twitter so they can educate themselves about the candidates and make informed voting decisions. Our website also has links to many key resources on candidates and their positions on issues central to public education. <http://texaseducatorsvote.com/resources-about-candidates/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TexasEducatorsVote/>

Twitter: @TXeducatorsvote

Early voting for runoff elections is May 16-20th and the runoff election is Tuesday, May 24th. We know it is your busiest time of year, so plan ahead ways to continue growing your culture of voting and look out for our messages next week!

Thanks again for all you do for our children and the state of Texas!

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