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Texas Educators Vote Update

Runoff elections are tomorrow, Tuesday, May 24th, 2016!!!

If you haven't already made plans to get your staff out to the polls, do it now!!!!

State senators and representatives craft the system to fund our schools, determine how much to test our students, what system to use to measure and reward or punish our schools, and whether to use public funds for private schools. The State Board of Education determines what our students will learn and how wide and deep the curriculum is. These are extremely powerful positions and through our vote, we get to pick who sits in those seats and drives these discussions.

TACS works diligently year round to encourage good policy that supports public schools. But think how much easier it would be to get our schools funding, meaningful assessments, and shorter deeper TEKS if we elected people who are ready to fight on behalf of students, educators, and public schools as a whole.

Studies find that often people don't vote because they don't feel educated on the candidates. If you hear this, please send teachers to www.teachthevote.org which has candidate responses to education specific questions, and lists voting locations: <http://www.teachthevote.org/news/2016/05/12/details-on-early-voting-and-fast-facts-about-runoffs/>

The Texas education community has been a sleeping giant for decades and now is the time to exert our strength and elect pro-public education candidates. **The runoff elections have notoriously low voter turnout. Each educator who votes will have a larger effect on the outcome of the election.**

Vote tomorrow to support the over 5 million students in Texas public schools!

Thank you,

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