



Texas Educators Vote Update

October 19, 2017

Early Voting

Early voting for the November 7, 2017 election begins in a few short days on Monday, October 23rd and continues through November 3rd. Many of your districts have bond elections, school board elections, and every Texas voter will have 7 constitutional amendments on their ballot. **Creating a culture of voting means voting in every election, and this is no exception.** The outcomes of these elections will have major consequences for educators and their communities. Elections are when individuals have the most power to have a say in their world. Let's not silence our own voices by not voting.

Encourage your district employees and eligible students to vote early, know what is on the ballot, and make sure they understand the importance of researching the issues and candidates they will vote on. There are some great non-partisan sites that make preparing to vote fast and easy.

1. The League of Women Voter's Vote 411 website helps you [build your ballot!](#) [Click here](#) to find out what is on your ballot.
2. You may also want to send them the link to information on bond or school board elections that are up for a vote. **Remember, you CANNOT endorse a bond or candidates, but you CAN (and should) share the facts!**
3. The Texas Secretary of State website has [information and explanations of the constitutional amendments](#) on the ballot.

Spread that Oath!

We are excited to have a constant stream of districts informing us that their school board has signed the [TASB Culture of Voting Resolution](#), and the number of [Oath's](#) signed has doubled in just a week. We are extremely encouraged by how seriously you are taking this challenge! But, we still have a long way to go to get to get the half a million, or ideally the million Oaths necessary to make sure educators are heard at the polls in March. **We need to double the number of Oaths signed each week to have enough committed voters to turn out and have a major impact on the primary election.** This is no easy task, but we are up to the challenge! Educators and their allies think about the 5.4 million kids in Texas schools every moment of every day, but the moment when they have the most power is when they cast their vote! So, let's get that oath spread far and wide.

Share the oath with: teachers, counselors, administrators, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, custodians, aides, school board trustees, PTA members, other district employees and their families, and community members. All of these people are considered educators as they support and enrich the educational experience of our children.

This week, we are urging you double the number of people in your district who have signed the [Oath to Vote!](#)

As we promised last week, we are happy to send you the list of who in your district has signed the Oath. We can even send you a weekly update! Just email us at info@texaseducatorsvote.com and ask! Quite a few districts have taken us up on this offer and we are noticing that many of those districts are really taking off in the competition!

The top districts for Oath's taken so far:

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| Princeton ISD – 197 | Jarrell ISD – 37 | Floydada ISD – 14 |
| Van ISD – 153 | Bullard ISD – 33 | Pflugerville ISD – 13 |
| East Central ISD – 136 | Cleveland ISD – 32 | New Deal ISD – 12 |
| Alamo Heights ISD – 124 | Krum ISD – 30 | Plemons-Stinnett-Phillips CISD – 12 |
| Lytle ISD – 112 | Martin's Mill ISD – 30 | Dumas ISD – 11 |
| Crosby ISD – 106 | Navasota ISD – 25 | Lamesa ISD – 11 |
| Paris ISD – 71 | Coppell ISD – 24 | Lefors ISD – 11 |
| Palmer ISD – 62 | Hawkins ISD – 23 | Moody ISD – 11 |
| Quinlan ISD – 59 | Childress ISD – 22 | Stamford ISD – 11 |
| Celina ISD – 56 | Olney ISD – 22 | Vega ISD – 11 |
| Blooming Grove ISD – 51 | Thrall ISD – 22 | Chico ISD – 10 |
| Sanger ISD – 50 | Karnes City ISD – 19 | Edna ISD – 10 |
| Merkel ISD – 48 | Hillsboro ISD – 16 | Mildred ISD – 10 |
| Clyde CISD – 41 | Elgin ISD – 15 | Wells ISD – 10 |
| Holliday ISD – 39 | Galveston ISD – 15 | |

All Star Districts – Have Joined, Adopted the Resolution, and are Signing the Oath

12 new All Star Districts this week are in RED

Austin ISD	Haskell CISD	Midway ISD (ESC 12)
Big Spring ISD	Hereford ISD	Millsap ISD
Blooming Grove ISD	Holliday ISD	Moody ISD
Bullard ISD	Ira ISD	Moran ISD
Celina ISD	Jarrell ISD	Olney ISD
Chico ISD	Karnes City ISD	Palmer ISD
Claude ISD	Krum ISD	Paris ISD
Coppell ISD	La Joya ISD	Quinlan ISD
Crosby ISD	Lamesa ISD	Scurry-Rosser ISD
DeKalb ISD	Lockhart ISD	Thrall ISD
Eula ISD	Lytle ISD	Veribest ISD
Floresville ISD	Martin’s Mill ISD	Waskom ISD
Granbury ISD	Merkel ISD	

If your district isn’t participating yet, it isn’t too late. [Click here to join us.](#)

If your board hasn’t yet signed the resolution, please ask them to! Download [the resolution](#) and then let us know when they have adopted it by emailing us at info@texaseducatorsvote.com.

Lastly, here is the [Oath](#) for **educators, staff, parents, and other public education allies** to sign.

In review, your challenges this week are:

- 1. Encourage your staff to be informed early voters, and**
- 2. Double the number of Oaths signed in your district!**

Let us know how we can help you meet these tough and important challenges!

Sincerely,

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