



Advocacy Update

Arlington Council of PTAs
November 2018



- Two days remain to vote early in the November 6th elections. Be a voice for over 5.3 million students in Texas. Choose public education at the polls!
- The Arlington Council of PTAs is making plans to attend Texas PTA Rally Day on February 25th in Austin. We encourage all local PTAs to send representatives (parents, families, teachers, students, community partners). Please indicate how many reps you will be bringing so that we can arrange for transportation, food, shirts, and more. Register your local PTA's interest at <https://goo.gl/forms/xZiFSi5GktvJiLZZ2> by December 14th. To prepare everyone, Texas PTA will host a series of webinars. Topics will include: *Planning for Rally Day*, *The Policy Issues*, and *Meeting with Legislators*. Watch your email and the Texas PTA social media channels for registration details!
- November's "Zero Hero" of the month is... Miz Barbara (her own spelling), crossing guard from Mary Moore Elementary School. These are the things the parents that see her everyday had to say about her: "She always knows the kids by name, even years later." "She remembers the parents and the kids that have gone on to other schools, and asks about them, by name!" "She is always smiling, friendly, very serious about the safety. Even with the parents, if you aren't following the rules she will let you know." Miz Barbara is in her ninth year at Mary Moore, and has earned the respect of the entire school. Congratulations!
- The Texas PTA Legislative priorities for the 86th legislative session will be released shortly – please look for a communication soon!
- Opportunity for local advocacy: The Arlington ISD Board of Trustees is accepting applications for the 2019 Capital Needs Steering Committee. **Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16, 2018.** The purpose of the 2019 CNSC is to provide recommendations to the Board for prioritized facility and identified capital needs through 2025 to support the district's strategic plan. Visit www.aisd.net for more info.
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