

MCALLEN AFT EYES ON THE BOARD



A Union of Professionals

MORE DETAILS

SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

LETICIA R. SAN MIGUEL VAN DE PUTTE FOR Lt. GOVERNOR

On Monday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. (CST) Leticia will debate Dan Patrick in their first—and only—debate of the campaign.

In July, Leticia released her Texas First debate schedule, challenging Dan Patrick to at least five debates across the state. Dan Patrick accepted only this one debate, in Austin.

Rio Grande Valley:
Harlingen, Weslaco,
Brownsville, McAllen
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www.kmbh.org

KRGV-TV Rio Grande
Valley 5.3 RetroTV
LIVE www.krgv.com

KVEO-TV Rio Grande
Valley 23.1 NBC
www.KVEO.com

KGBT-TV RGV 4.1 CBS
www.valleycentral.com

GOVERNOR'S RACE-- 2014

Greg Abbott, who aspires to be governor of Texas, faced a test of leadership today, and he failed it.

He appealed to the Texas Supreme Court to seek reversal of a district court's ruling that the Texas school-finance system is unconstitutionally inadequate and inequitable. Abbott not only is making our kids wait for a fair funding system, he also continues to maintain the false pretense that he had no choice in this matter but to appeal.

OUR GOAL IS TO REDUCE PAPER WORK FOR ALL EDUCATIONAL EM- PLOYEES

I am waiting to receive any duplicate paper work that you are required to do. Send by email ASAP.

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEM- BER

If you are suspended from your school, Indeera Mohammed or Ruth Skow need to accompany you to Human Resources. Please, never sign paper work that we have not seen. We now have four (4) suspended.

For those of you who are our new

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members we will have a drawing for 1st (gift card for \$100), 2nd (gift card for \$75), and 3rd prizes (gift card for \$50) on October 3, 2014. Watch for an email to let you know who won. Those of you who have "0" years of teaching are getting \$44,000 this year. Professionals are getting a raise of \$1000. If others on staff wish to join McAllen AFT, we take members every month--\$40.50 for professionals and \$22 for all other staff. We do not represent administrators or police officers. Just call us at 682-1143 for applications or ask your building rep. on campus.

We are mailing out the TELL Survey that



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An approval of request for maximum class size waiver application for 14-15 was approved by the Board.

In addition, during April, May, and 1 week in June the Texas Education Agency hired an outside firm to do a survey (all schools in Texas) of how teachers felt about their school district (survey done as required by the Texas Legislature). Administrators from McAllen ISD also used the same survey which really changes the outcome. The survey has been published, and we are preparing the information for publication next week to all our active members and retirees. Your school district had to score 50% + 5 to have the survey results published--we made the goal. Roughly 30% of our members do not have email or a computer--thus we continue to send things home. I have given input to Texas AFT on how the survey should be revised next time.

We suggest you do not use your iPad to communicate with us. The district has the right to read all email you send out on district equipment. We send you updates several times a week on your PERSONAL EMAIL. We also send out McAllen AFT News and McAllen AFT Eyes on the Board by mail. New teacher pay is \$44,000 per year--those starting the "0" year.

ONE OF MANY GOALS THE MCALLEN AFT EXECUTIVE BOARD HAS SET FOR YOUR PRESIDENT—reduce paper work--thus, if you receive a duplicate form to fill out again send me a copy. We have worked on this issue, but nothing has happened. PLEASE HELP US SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

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GOOD DAY MEMBERS! BELOW IS A LIST OF INFORMATION THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU!

ACCOUNT OF POLITICAL DEBATE--"Mounce: Grand Debate on the Rio Grande (from Rio Grande Guardian)

http://www.riograndeguardian.com/columns_story.asp?story_no=24

MEMBERS OF MCALLEN AFT WERE PRESENT AT THE DEBATE.

**MCALLEN ISD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING--SEPTEMBER 22, 2014**

All members of the Board were present.

New Assistant Principal for Hendricks--Zack J. Martinez. Vote was 7-0.

New Director of Instructional Technology--Jennie Ann Vega. Vote was 7-0.

Over the last few weeks the Board has been discussing the Superintendent's contract. Last night beginning at 7:30 p.m. they continued. Members of the Board have not said a word about the discussion. We would presume that there is discussion of giving Ponce more money and extending his contract for two (2) more years. There is nothing more to report at this time. The gym floor at McAllen High was ruined and the Board approved replacing the floor. Basket ball will be played at Morris in the mean time. The floor will take 8 weeks to repair. A water pipe broke in the girls locker room and ruined the floor--just a small pin hole in the pipe.