

# MCALLEN AFT NEWS

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## KEEP UP TO DATE

### Reserve a seat on the Lobby Day Bus

McAllen AFT will join other locals across the state of Texas at the capitol in Austin on Monday, March 11, 2013. This is the first Monday during spring break.

We have charter buses reserved and seating is limited. Thousands will be in Austin on this day to show support for public education. We are arranging private meetings with our legislative lawmakers inside the Capitol. This is your chance to meet and discuss the issues so important to public education.

The employees working directly with students inside the schools who teach, drive, coach, cook, clean, protect and guide our children are the experts that must be heard while the laws are made!

Register by calling our office at 682-1143 and reserve your seat (s) on the bus today. Members, family and community friends are welcome to attend.

There is a \$10 fee to hold your seat (the fee will be refunded when you are on the bus).

Snacks will be provided, and a sack lunch on the Capitol grounds (provided by Texas AFT) will be served. Step up to the Lobby Day Bus (restrooms on the bus) and—make yourself known to your legislator.

### Suggestions for Newtown

**Donation to the three (3) Newtown AFT locals to plant a tree in memory of each child and teacher who were victims.**

**Donation to a counseling fund for AFT members in the three Newtown AFT locals.**

**Donation to Newtown community fund to build a memorial for those teachers and children.**

**Donation to Newtown AFT locals to provide school supplies to needy children in the district.**

We are still taking suggestions for your McAllen AFT Executive Board to consider. We will meet soon to make a decision. Please email us at [mcallenaft2@yahoo.com](mailto:mcallenaft2@yahoo.com).

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## A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

### ***2013 TRS Board election nomination forms must be filed by Jan. 22***

TRS members who are active public school district employees have until **Jan. 22, 2013** to file a petition to have their names listed on the official ballot as candidates for nomination to a position on the TRS Board of Trustees.

In Spring 2013, an election will be held to nominate the candidates who are eligible for appointment to fill one of the two public education positions on the board of trustees. The position will be for a six-year term beginning as early as September 1, 2013. Members who are currently employed in a TRS-eligible position by a public school district may have their names listed as candidates on the ballot by filing an official petition.

Petitions must be signed by 250 public school district employees who are TRS members and whose most recent credited service is or was



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performed for a public school district.

Members signing the petition, must include their printed or typed names, the first five digits of their current residential zip code, and the last four digits of their social security number. All valid nominating petitions filed with TRS by Jan. 22, 2013, will be accepted.

By March 15, 2013, TRS will mail ballots and an edition of *TRS News* containing candidate information to all TRS participants who are eligible to vote in the elections.

All TRS members whose most recent credited service is or was performed for a public school district are eligible to vote in this election. TRS must receive completed ballots on or before May 6, 2013.

TRS will certify the names of the three candidates who received the highest number of votes to the governor.

The governor will then appoint one of those candidates to serve on the board.

To obtain a petition form, you may:

- Print the petition form from the TRS website;
- Write TRS at 1000 Red River; Austin, TX 78701-2698;
- Call [1-800-223-8778](tel:1-800-223-8778), ext. 6366; or
- Fax a request to [1-512-542-6585](tel:1-512-542-6585).

Nominating instructions are included on the form.