# Do You Want to Stand Up for Students? Do You Want to Be a Leader?

## We need you!

Help us organize all educators (active and retired) to support our public schools. It's easy!

We have the tools and it won't take much of your time, but the reward will be great when you know that you helped support and encourage teachers to be the voice for the five million public school children who can't vote for themselves!

BACKGROUND:

### **TEXAS EDUCATORS VOTE**

was born the summer after the 2015 Texas legislative session during a discussion of how hard it was to pass good, meaningful legislation and how much easier it would be to get good things done for public schools if we elected legislators who believed in them! At the same time, we were staring down the reality that Texas is dead last in voting! A light bulb went off and Texas Educators Vote was born!

There are now 13 groups participating, representing teachers, administrators, school boards, retired educators, pastors, and community members. We help educators get involved in their democracy by working with campus and district leaders to create a culture of voting and by encouraging individual educators to learn about candidates' positions on public education before they vote.

Texas Educators Vote encourages everyone associated with public education to think about the more than five million kids in Texas public schools and how a culture of voting both strengthens our democracy and models civic participation for our students.

#### STEP 1: Get everyone registered to vote

- Teachers
- Staff
- Employees (bus drivers, custodians, everyone!)
- Students who will be old enough to vote
- Families

#### STEP 2: Get educated

- Teach the Vote has candidate information and positions on education-specific issues: teachthevote.org
- Texas League of Women Voters has a lot of voter information, including a nonpartisan voter's guide for local, state, and national elections: lwvtexas.org/elections.html

#### STEP 3: Get people voting

- Hold contests between teams or schools for voter registration and voting
- Host Blue Jeans Days for people who register/vote
- Ensure the district provides busses to the polls for students and district employees