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30 YEARS | 2022-2023 THEME | CLOSEOUT 2021-2022

Here we go... 30 years and continuing to grow, expand services and benefits, and advocate for Texas rural schools. With this significant milestone in mind, TREA's 2022-2023 President, Dr. Bill Chapman (Palacios ISD) chose this year's theme: *Reflecting Back, Leading Forward*. There are many new faces on the board of directors and some of the longtime TREA members are serving as well. We appreciate all of them for their willingness to participate and assist in the work and mission of TREA.

The 2021-2022 membership/fiscal year closes out this week so please take care of any outstanding invoices. Districts and ESCs should have received their new invoices for the 2022-2023. If you haven't or are unsure, please reach out to [Kasey Hyde](#) (Coordinator of Member Services) to assist you and make sure your organization's profile account is up to date. Sponsors' invoices for 2022-2023 will go out after labor day. Sponsors with questions may contact [Bonnie](#).



2022-2023 NEWLY ELECTED BOARD | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS | DIRECTORS



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THANK YOU 2021-2022 ANNUAL SPONSORS

We'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our annual sponsors for their support of TREA and its members this past year. Their willingness to support the efforts of TREA is making a difference in Texas rural schools and the future of the students in each and every TREA member district.

<<< Access to contact information and company websites for each of these partners can be found [here](#). >>>

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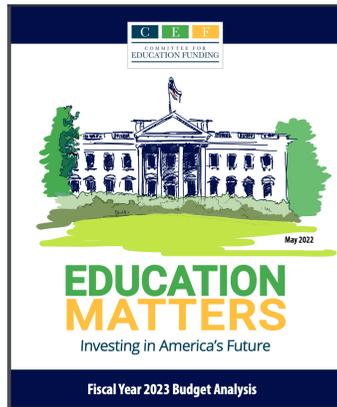


NREA | National Info and Resources

Small School Districts Association (SSDA - California) & Arizona Rural Schools Association (ARSA) have started a Rural Education Leaders Community. They are expanding this year to help rural leaders connect with 15 Western States. at **no cost**. The goal is to highlight best practices. [More Info & Registration](#)



U.S. Department of Education



The Committee for Education Funding (CEF) [Budget Book is available](#). CEF the nation's oldest and largest education coalition, is a nonpartisan and nonprofit organization focused on the common goal of ensuring adequate federal financial support for education. CEF's more than 100 member organizations and institutions represent the continuum of education—early childhood education, elementary and secondary education, higher education, adult education and workforce training, and community education programs such as libraries, museums, and after school services.

AASA currently has two calls to actions out to Superintendents...

- Teacher/Staff Shortage Survey—There is debate in Washington on whether or not there is an actual teacher shortage. It's important that we get data directly from those leaders on the ground dealing with the staff vacancies. [Link to the survey](#).
- AASA continues to push the Department of Education to extend the deadline for spending ARP. We have yet to see formal guidance following the letter from Secretary Cardona in May saying that districts could get an extension for construction related projects. We are leading a sign-on letter for Superintendents to join urging Secretary Cardona for take action. See the letter and [sign-on here](#).



The Blended Learning Educator

A newsletter from UTeach Professional Development at The University of Texas at Austin



Support Educators Through
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Join one of our 30-minute webinars

Receive an overview of [UTeach PD](#) and ask questions. If you cannot attend during one of the times below, [sign up for a time that's best for you](#).

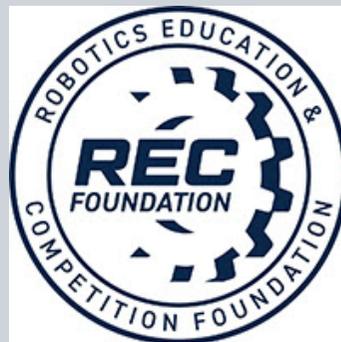


TEXAS EDUCATORS VOTE | Key election dates

October 11 | Last day to register to vote
October 24 | November 4: Early Voting
October 27 | EDUCATOR VOTING DAY
October 28 | Vote by mail applications DUE
November 8 | Election Day

The Tufts Center for Information and Research on Civic Engagement and Learning (CIRCLE) did a wonderful study on how to engage young voters. While TEV is about engaging educators, the long term goal is creating a culture of voting in Texas public schools. That means raising voters! Here is a [link to a webinar](#) CIRCLE is presenting on August 31st about engaging students.

Let's get educators and students registered, researching, and voting!



Like last year, the [REC Foundation](#) and TREA are offering several different grant options to TREA members before anybody else. Applications are open now with grants starting to process on August 1. Apply this summer while the grants are available!

Instructions and [info here](#) and on the [TREA homepage](#).

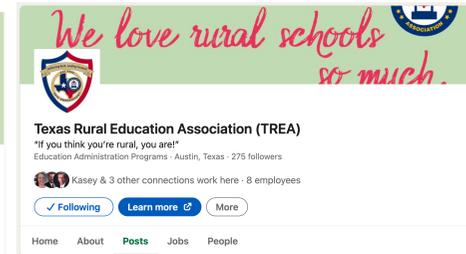


TREA is proud to partner with No Kid Hungry (NKH) as they aim to tackle childhood hunger. [More Info](#)

"The last days of August are upon us and that means back to school for kids, parents, school staff, and the village of volunteers who make every day possible. As a parent to a newly minted first grader, the first days and weeks are an adjustment, so it is reassuring to know that he has access to nourishing meals at school. To share the words of my colleague, Franco, "opening a school every day is like putting on a Broadway show every night. There are so many pieces that must be in place before the show starts. And then you do it all over again the next day." To all the child nutrition professionals who feed our

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