



# Northwest ISD Council of PTAs End-of-Year Recap

School Board Report – April 10, 2023

# 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session PTA Advocacy

On February 27, Northwest ISD Council of PTAs – including 14 adults and 10 students – attended Texas PTA Rally Day in Austin. Our amazing students led great discussions with **Senator Tan Parker** as well as **Representatives Stucky, Bumgarner, Schatzline and Thimesch**.



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We appreciate these elected officials listening to our concerns for Northwest ISD. We were able to **present the legislative objectives for Northwest ISD and Texas PTA**. These include discussions about the challenges of a fast-growth district, supporting public schools and opposing vouchers, mental health struggles for teachers and students, support for local decision making for staff and student needs, and to support funding based on enrollment.



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# Bond Resolutions

The Council of PTAs put together a bond resolution package for all our schools to advocate for our need as a fast-growth district to support the 2023 Northwest ISD Bond. The council executive board has passed this resolution and will be presenting it to the general delegate meeting on April 11 for a vote to pass to support the bond. Currently, the following school PTAs have passed the resolution at their general meeting and are in support of the bond:

**Beck Elementary, Justin Elementary, Lance Thompson Elementary, Haslet Elementary, Roanoke Elementary, Clara Love Elementary and Gene Pike Middle School**

We continue to support all campuses as they have general meetings and hope that more schools will be able to pass the resolution to support the bond called for the May 6 election.

# Fundraising

The Council partnered with NEF for North Texas Giving Day in September 2022. We were able to raise funds for NEF and all our local units by splitting all raised funds 50/50 with NEF and PTA. Key statistics include:

- 153 donors, 165 donations
- \$13,292 raised online with a \$10,000 match from Huckabee

This represents an increase from 2021, when there were 91 donations and \$13,260 raised online with a \$15,364 total.

Campuses receiving a mini grant check include:

**Beck Elementary, Berkshire Elementary, Byron Nelson High School, Cox Elementary, Curtis Elementary, Eaton High School, Granger Elementary, Haslet Elementary, Hughes Elementary, Justin Elementary, Lance Thompson Elementary, Northwest High School, Peterson Elementary, Prairie View Elementary, Roanoke Elementary, Schluter Elementary, Sendera Ranch Elementary, Seven Hills Elementary, Tidwell Middle School**

Roanoke and Cox elementary schools raised the most funds and received snow cone parties as a reward for being the highest fundraisers.

# Scholarships

The Council partnered with NEF to provide a portal for **four scholarships for all four high schools**. The Council will award scholarships to one graduating senior for \$500 at each school, Eaton High School, Northwest High School, Byron Nelson High School and Steele Early College High. NEF provided the portal for our seniors to apply for the scholarship. We will award the \$500 from NEF, funded by Council PTA, at the awards ceremonies in May.



# Health Fair

We have started the process to plan for **a districtwide health fair in Spring 2024**. We have partnered with SHAC and Michelle Shilling, assistant director of athletics, to put on the health fair. Council will work with Athletics and SHAC to put a community health fair for 2024 that will address the needs of our community as well as provide services and information.



# Reflections

Texas PTA has a **Reflections contest** that local districts can participate in. We had 125 entries submitted to the council from 20 schools across the district. We advanced 23 entries to the state level from all categories and from elementary, middle and high school. There were over 800 entries advanced from across Texas. Of the entries we advanced to state, all 23 received some sort of award, with four receiving an **Overall Award of Excellence** that will move on to the national level for judging.

The four students advancing to Nationals are:

- Sela Thomas – Intermediate Dance Choreography – Cox Elementary
- Ava Arteaga – Middle School Literature – Gene Pike Middle School
- Leila Strother – Middle School Dance Choreography – Leo Adams Middle School
- Sean O'Donnell – Special Artist: Visual Arts – VR Eaton High School

The Council hosted a Reflections Reception for all our students who participated on March 22, 2023. We had great attendance from students and parents celebrating the great work they did.





**Thank you!**  
Questions?