



Capitol Update

District 133 Newsletter

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."



Dear Friends,

We hope back to school went well and everybody is settling in. Things are beginning to get busy here in Austin. On September 5th, we held our first Joint Interim Committee on the Study of Skilled Workforce hearing, where we heard from experts on workforce development, the Legislative Budget Board discussed funding, and our own Duncan Klussman, the superintendent of Spring Branch Independent School District, talked about innovative ways to implement HB 5 in order to enhance our student's high school experience. If you are interested in reviewing the hearing, you can view it [here](#). Other committees meeting include Energy Resources, the Interim Committee on Economic Development Incentives, and Environmental Regulation.

We would like to remind you about our upcoming Town Hall Meeting this Saturday from 10-11 AM at the Memorial Middle School auditorium, located at 12550 Vindon Drive. We look

forward to seeing and hearing from our constituents. As always we encourage you to stop by our Austin office if you find your way to the Capitol.

Holiday

Ornament Contest

Team Murphy invites you to participate in our 3rd Annual Ornament Decorating Contest to find our district's contribution to the House Chamber Christmas Tree in the Capitol Building in Austin. Our 2014 theme is **"Dreaming of a Buffalo Bayou Christmas."** Individuals of all ages, organizations, schools and businesses are welcome to participate.

Ornament contest participants may pick up kits (while supply lasts) at Memorial City Mall at the Guest Services Deck near the Clock Tower beginning September 1, and the deadline to have an ornament considered for the House Chamber Christmas Tree is Monday, October 20. Late entries will still be hung on our Community Christmas tree in Memorial City Mall. If you have a group that would like to participate, please contact District Director Deanna Harrington at deanna.harrington@house.state.tx.us and she will work with you directly. The ornaments will be judged by three individuals from District 133. The top three ornament artists will receive a prize. Please join in on the fun!

Teen Summit

If you are a sophomore or a junior in high school, encourage your teachers to nominate you for the West Houston Teen Summit. This day-long event will be held on November 22, 2014, at the Norris Conference Center at CityCentre. So far, the Summit has received the support of SBISD Superintendent Duncan Klussmann, HISD Board Trustee Greg Meyers and Houston West Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jeannie Bollinger. This event will inspire our teens to become leaders in their own right in our community. Throughout the day, Business, Political, Community and Media leaders will share their experiences with our student participants. The event will include a continental breakfast, snacks and lunch at no cost to the teens or their families.

Need a Speaker?

As always, Representative Murphy loves meeting new constituents and is happy to visit your business meeting, church, club, or civic group.

Please email [Deanna Harrington](mailto:Deanna.Harrington@house.state.tx.us), our District Director, if you are interested in setting up an event.

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