

GREAT THINGS HAPPEN IN TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS! FOTPS.ORG



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Something to celebrate!

Bilingual and English as a Second Language Student Graduation Rates Continue to Climb



The LEP graduation rate jumped from 49.2% in 2010 to 77.2% in 2019 while the percentage of Texas students who are LEP increased 302% over the same period. Great things are happening in Texas Public Schools, thanks to highly trained professional educators dedicated to educating every student in Texas regardless of language barriers.

The Results Driven Accountability (formerly the Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System) data is reported at district, region, and state levels on the performance of school districts in selected program areas. These areas include bilingual education/English as a second language, and other special populations inclusive of students in foster care, experiencing homelessness, military connectedness, and special education.

Sources:

<https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/monitoring-and-interventions/rda/rda-state-report>
<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/2019RDAstateReport.pdf>



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We hope you are off to a great start in 2021! While the future remains uncertain for so many aspects of our "normal" activities, one thing is certain, we will continue to be proud of the great things happening in Texas public schools.

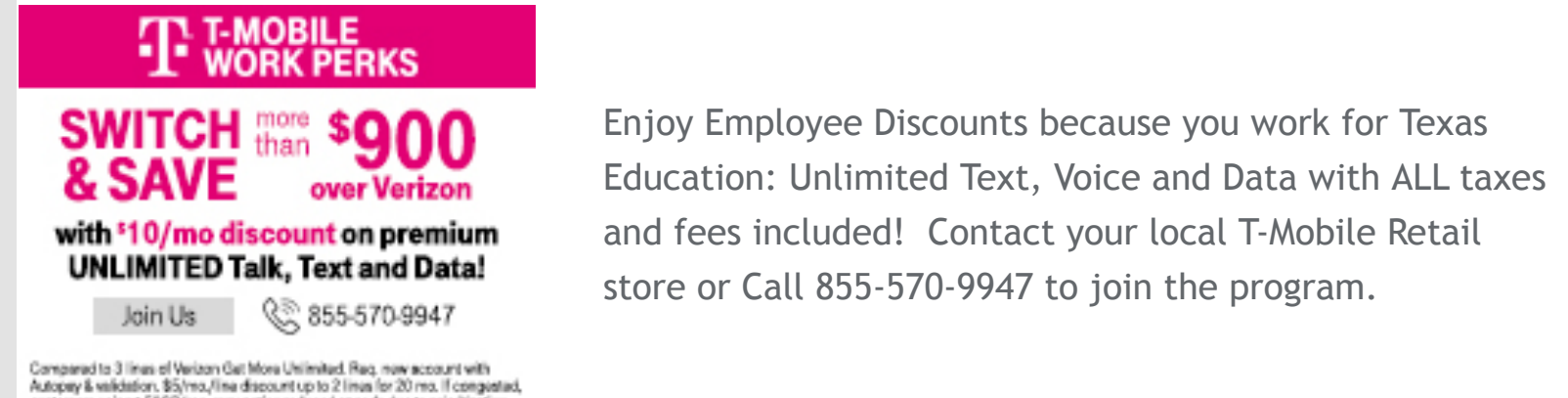
Share your stories with us! We love to brag on public schools on our social channels. Make sure you follow along and tag us! Facebook @FriendsTX and Twitter @FRIENDStxps.

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Executive Director



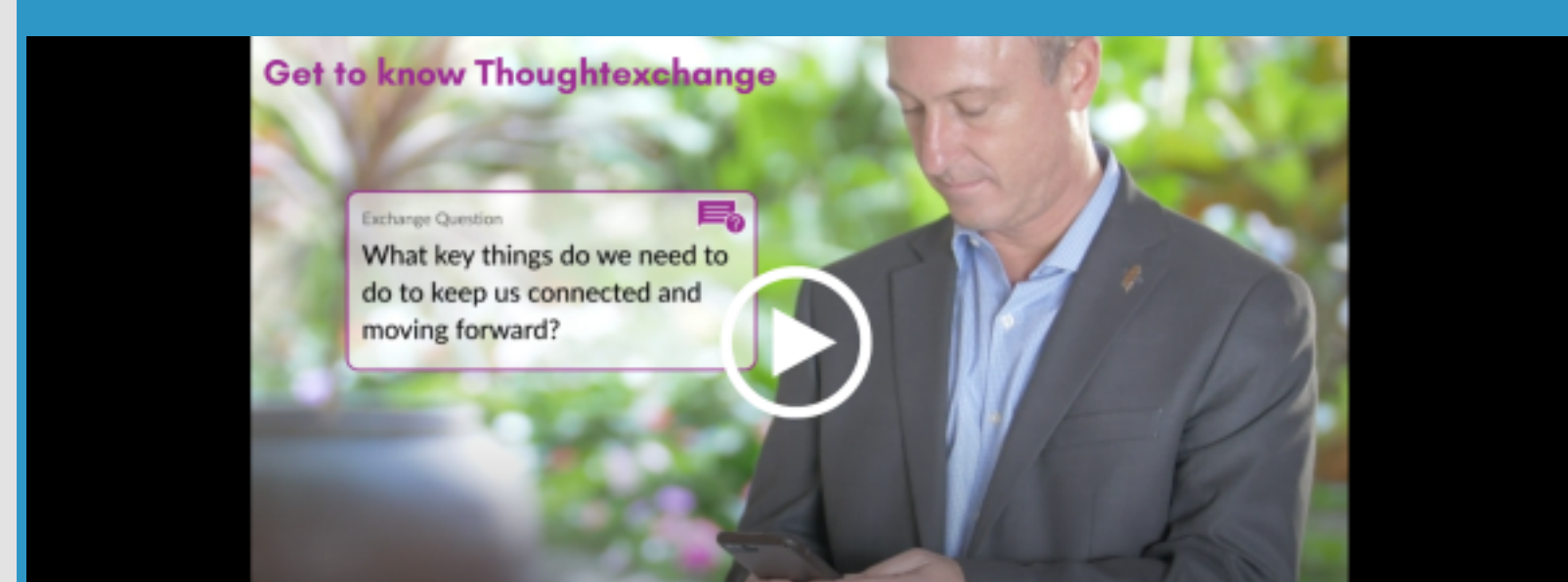
Our partners at Education Elements have joined TEA and Region 14 of the Comprehensive Center Network to share best practices in remote and concurrent instruction with school districts across Texas. This work is hard, and we hope that in some small way this webinar can make it a little easier for teachers and school leaders.

The free 6-part webinar series kicks off this Friday at 9 AM CT with a focus on student engagement. Sign up here: edelements.com/webinars-tea

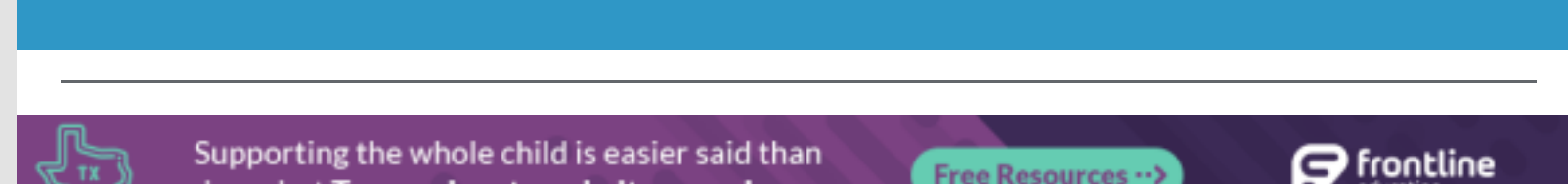


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How Kids Are Performing this Fall in Texas

Join us for an exclusive preview of our **How Kids Are Performing Report**, which will document the true extent of the COVID Slide in Texas.

Jan 25, 2021 — 12:00 - 1PM Central

REGISTER FOR TEXAS WEBINAR →

Join this exclusive event regarding how COVID learning loss is impacting our students in Texas this year. [Register here](#)

View the [How Kids Are Performing report](#) and gain insights from Dr. Gene Kerns on how to act on the report's findings—and what next steps to take to address learning loss. During this event, we will answer the following questions:

- How does student performance in Fall 2020 compare to typical or expected performance?
- Are particular grades or subject areas more impacted than others?
- To what extent are different demographic subgroups impacted?
- Are there variances between schools in more rural areas and more urban areas?
- What important questions remain open about the COVID Slide?



Share your News with Friends

Katy ISD student is baking her way to victory on Food Network's 'Kids Baking Championship' [Read more](#)

Share the "great things" happening in your district or on your campus by tagging @FriendsTX on Facebook or email your story to Friends@fotps.org

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We are a bit of a different type of organization...one that doesn't invest energy in education reform, but rather in celebrating what's right with our schools. We are an apolitical organization focused on educating all Texans about the virtues and achievements of our Texas Public Schools.

Contrary to popular opinion and the day's headlines, our public schools are performing remarkably well. The widespread failures so often debated are nothing more than myths. Sure, there are isolated cases of failures across the country, but our schools are achieving more today than ever before and America's schools are superior to any other nation in the world. All of those international comparisons are based on suspect data and, in our opinion, are grossly flawed.

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