

TALAS Members are Superheroes

Your new way to stay up-to-date with TALAS

Mil Gracias

Thank you for the wonderful response to the new TALAS Weekly Newsletter. Your feedback and comments are critical to the ongoing development of TALAS. TALAS welcomes your ideas, suggestions and feedback at TALASNews@gmail.com

The Truth About Bilingualism: It's Only for Some Students

Schools in the United States are embracing bilingualism like never before. Shifting demographics and political dynamics have transformed views on multilingual education in many parts of the country, paving the way for a focused examination of educating the nation's 5 million K-12 English-language learners and the importance of foreign-language instruction.

<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2019/01/09/the-truth-about-bilingualism-its-only-for.html?cmp=eml-enl-ewpce-dll#perspective>

2019 Texas Public School Equity Symposium

TALAS is proud to support this event. Please spread the word & join us for the first-ever Texas Public School Equity Symposium on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Austin Hotel!

<https://masbatx.z2systems.com/np/clients/masbatx/event.jsp?event=1&>

Superhéroes for kids

HERE COME THE... **SUPERHEROES!** INTENT



We're pleased to announce the super superintendents who will be part of the annual TALAS Superintendents Panel at the MASBA conference next Friday, March 1: Juan Cabrera of the El Paso ISD, Dr. Paul Cruz of the Austin ISD, Dr. Matthew Gutiérrez of the Seguin ISD, and Joe López of the Taft ISD will be inspiring attendees with the great things that are happening in their districts!

The Annual MASBA Conference will launch at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 1

and conclude at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 3.

For more information contact conference planner, Yeraldín Yordi, at events@masbatx.org

<https://masbatx.z2systems.com/np/clients/masbatx/event.jsp?event=3&>

The Drive to Thrive



Last week the Dallas Association of Hispanic School Administrators (AHSA) hosted the inaugural *Latina Roundtable: The Drive to Thrive*. AHSA President Nancy Bernardino welcomed over 75 Latina administrators, teachers and executive staff to an exciting evening of inspiration, hope, and fellowship. Dallas ISD Chief of School Leadership Stephanie Elizalde served as the keynote speaker. Congratulations to AHSA for a very

successful event for comadres!

Expert: Bilingual students more likely to succeed in school, go to college

Being bilingual or even multilingual should be seen as an asset and resource to schools and communities, rather than a deficit that needs to be remedied, said Maria Franquiz, a bilingual education expert and University of Utah professor who spoke at Baylor University on Tuesday.

https://www.wacotrib.com/news/education/expert-bilingual-students-more-likely-to-succeed-in-school-go/article_8e89bc13-f662-5110-b3de-889d411d9d0a.html

EPISD teachers make house calls

Teachers from Johnson Elementary and Morehead middle school spent their President's day going from door-to-door to understand their students better. Teachers spoke with parents about the services their children are receiving at the campus.

<https://www.kvia.com/news/episd-teachers-make-house-calls/1027459502>

Edgewood ISD asking families to host house meetings



Edgewood Independent School District's new superintendent is visiting residents at their homes. He says he wants to hear about improvements the community would like to see in the district. It has been six months since Eduardo Hernandez, who hails from the Dallas area, was selected by

the EISD Board of Managers to lead the district.

<https://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/edgewood-isd-asking-families-to-host-house-meetings>

Remember to **SAVE THE DATE** for the **UT/TASA Summer Conference** and the **TALAS Pre-conference on Sunday, June 23 in Austin.**

Meet TALAS' Secretary and Treasurer



TALAS Secretary
Michael Hinojosa,
Superintendent,
Dallas ISD

<https://www.dallasisd.org/domain/5920>



TALAS Treasurer
Paul Cruz,
Superintendent,
Austin ISD

<https://www.austinisd.org/superintendent>

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