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Greetings from Austin!

Things are moving right along at the Texas Capitol!

This week, some committees began hearing bills, while others are still only hosting invited testimony. On Tuesday, we had our first Public Education committee hearing, where we heard from the Texas Education agency about school finance and virtual schools. I am really enjoying this committee, so far. It truly draws on my strengths as a legislator and I am happy to be there to fight for the education community. I would like to note that in an attempt to save time and money, Chairman Rob Eissler has ordered the Public Education committee to go paperless. All of our work will be done electronically, but will still of course be available to you, if needed.

The State Affairs committee met for our second time this week and heard two bills: HB 15 by Sid Miller and HB 201 by Geannie Morrison. Coined "the Sonogram Bills", both relate to providing a sonogram to a pregnant woman seeking an abortion prior to the procedure. Both bills were passed out of the committee with me and eight other members voting for it and three voting against.

I am looking forward to digging deeper into new topics in Public Education and State Affairs as the session progresses. See more about my legislative agenda, what we have been up to and where you can find me on the weekends in the attached newsletter.

If you would like to learn more about any of my legislative items, events I attend or happenings at the Capitol, please contact my staff at 512-463-0520. And remember you can always follow the occurrences of the House at www.house.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty
State Representative- District 127

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HARTA Meeting

On Monday, February 21, I joined the lively member of the Humble Area Retired Teachers Association at the Humble ISD Instructional Support Center for their monthly meeting. This specific meeting was their legislative meeting and I was happy to be there to speak about what is happening in Austin right now. HARTA members are planning to visit us at the Capitol in March for Texas Retired Teachers Association Day at the Capitol. I look forward to having them visit their House of Representatives.

Kingwood Tea Party Society Meeting

I was extremely honored to be the featured speaker at this week's KWTPS meeting on Monday, February 21, held at Los Cucos on Highway 59. Tea Party Caucus Advisory Board Member, Robin Lennon, led the meeting and allowed me to speak at what is happening under the pink dome in Austin right now. With less than 100 days left in the legislative session, I feel we have accomplished much and will only forge further forward as the days pass. And I am so glad to have their support along the way.

Huffman Patriots Meeting

On Thursday, February 24, I attended the monthly Huffman Patriots meeting at Cedar Landing on Lake Houston. It was great to see how much the group has grown since it started earlier this year. And it was nice to see the members getting so engaged in the legislative process. I offered them some thoughts on the current occurrences at the Texas Capitol and answered their questions regarding the 82nd Legislature. Thanks to Kaydene Jordan and LeaAnn Perryman for the invitation.



Pictured: Public Works Director Dan Kreuger, Mayor Annise Parker, Representative Dan Huberty, Chris Gonzales of the Finance Department, Deputy Assistant Director of General Services Morgan Porter and Councilman Sullivan.

City of Houston - District E - CIP Meeting

Council Member Mike Sullivan hosted a District E - Capital Improvement Planning meeting the evening of Monday, February 21, at Woodridge Baptist Church. I was happy to accept his invitation to join him, Mayor Annise Parker, Public Works Director Dan Krueger, Finance Department representative Chris Gonzales, Deputy Assistant Director of General Services Morgan Porter and a representative from the Parks Departments. All were present to give the citizens of District E an overview of what is happening at the city level and state level right now. After I spoke, Mayor Parker made a presentation about the implementation of Proposition 1 and what will happen before it goes into effect on July 1.

Council Member and the other department representatives discussed the pending projects in our area, such, the widening of North Park Drive and the building of the new community center. With more than 100 people in attendance, the event went extremely well. I am proud to have Council Member Sullivan serving us at City Hall.

Reagan Lawrence McCaffrey - Eagle Scout Court of Honor

On Saturday, February 19th, I attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Reagan Lawrence McCaffrey at First United Methodist Church in Humble. It was an honor to present him with a Texas flag that was flown in his honor over the Texas Capitol building.

Reagan is an amazing young man and has achieved quite a lot for his young age. I look forward to hearing great things about him. I would like to thank his family for inviting me to share in this wonderful occasion.

Houston - BOMA

Several members of the **Houston Building and Manager's Association**, including my long-time supporter, **Tammy Betancourt**, came by for lunch on Thursday, February 24, before I headed back to the district. They were in town for BOMA Day at the Texas Capitol and I really enjoyed meeting with them to discuss their current legislative priorities. Like many of my constituents, they are concerned about the pending fees related to Renew Houston's Proposition 1. They were here to push my HB 1022, by my district neighbor Representative Harold Dutton and SB 714 by State Senator Dan Patrick, which would exempt schools, churches and municipalities from the impending fees.



My Legislation

This week I filed H.B. 1805, which will drop the reporting time for schools who are rated academically unacceptable one year under the Public Education Grant program from three years to two years, if they improve their ratings. This will help to lessen the burden on districts for those schools who are working to improve their rating and get back up to an acceptable level. I am happy to report that H.B. 15, Chairman Sid Miller's Sonogram bill, was passed out of the State Affairs Committee last week under a vote of 9-3. My fellow committee members and I were honored to hear public testimony from many of our citizens across the state on this important piece of legislation, and I was happy to help move this bill through the process. We hope to be able to present it to the entire House in the next few weeks.

A bill that I am joint-authoring with Representative Hochberg- H.B. 233, which will lessen the burden of testing on schools- will be heard in one of my committees next week- the House Committee on Public Education. If you would like to watch my fellow committee member and I in a press conference for this bill, please click on this [link](#). We have heard from many people throughout our districts- parents, teachers, superintendents- all asking for us to help alleviate the budget shortfall that is happening, and we hope that this will be one small way to aide in that effort.

As committees start ramping up, more bills will have hearings which are all broadcast on the House Website [here](#). This is a great resource as bills move along the legislative process, and also for you to watch your elected officials in action.

Upcoming Events

Be sure to watch for these events:

Friday, February 25th

Jack Fields Elementary Flag Presentation

8:30 AM - Jack Fields Elementary

Pack 3610 Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet

6:30 PM - Woodbridge Baptist Church

Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet and Officer Installation

6:30 PM - Monument Inn Restaurant
4406 Battleground, 77571

Saturday, February 26th

Kingwood Softball Association Opening Day

8:30 AM - KSA Fields behind Kingwood Park

8th Annual Mardi Gras Cook-Off

10:00 AM - Atascocita High School

Sunday, February 27th

HAAM Chili Cook Off and Concert

12:30 PM - Humble Civic Center



Capitol Visitors

Thanks to **Dr. Aaron Reneau** for coming by the office during the Texas Optometric Association Day at the Capitol. Our office really enjoys visits from district constituents and those who supported me in my journey to the Texas Capitol, as Dr. Reneau did.

And another thank you to **Dr. David Umansky and Dr. Gabriel Yamine**, also constituents of the district, who came by the office while the Texas Dental Association was visiting. Although I did not get to visit with them, I know my staff enjoyed meeting them and talking about TDA's priorities.

If you are in Austin any time in the future, come by my office to visit with me or my staff. We love having visitors and talking about what is happening in back in District 127.

Jack Fields Elementary Flag Presentation

I was proud to present a Texas flag flown in the school's honor over the Capitol building to Principal Karen Weeks and teacher Tasha Luce. I hope it serves the school well.

Save the Date: Town Hall Meetings

Saturday, March 26th

10:00 AM - Kingwood High School

2:00 PM - Newport Elementary School

On Saturday, March 26th, I will be hosting my first set of Town Hall Meetings in the district. We will be hosting two, one on the north side of the district and the other on the southeast side, to best accommodate everyone.

I hope you will be able to join us for these events. I intend to have my staff present and available to you. But if you have any questions beforehand, please do not hesitate to contact my Capitol office at 512-463-0520.

District Office Opening

Watch for more information about our District Office at 4501 Magnolia Cove, Suite 201, Kingwood, Texas 77345. Located in the beautiful King's Harbor shopping center, we hope our office will be a great place for you to come visit us. The date of the opening is yet to be determined.
