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### Texas Ranks 1st in Enrollment Growth A Note from the Founders

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### FRIENDS **U.S. ENROLLMENT DATA BY STATE 2012-2023** Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools by state Fall 2012 Fall 2023 **Enrollment Enrollment** 6.282.200 6.742.400 7.2 460.200 3rd 13.7

**TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS RANK 1st** 

IN ENROLLMENT GROWTH

336,500

207,000 156,600

Washington	6th	1,049,200	1,177,400	12.6	128,200
Georgia	7th	1,695,700	1,809,700	7.4	114,000
Maryland	8th	857,600	969,000	13.5	111,400
Virginia	9th	1,263,200	1,370,300	8.9	107,100
Nevada	10th	442,300	534,700	21.6	92,400
Minnesota	11th	845,400	937,700	11.7	92,300
Utah	12th	612,500	704,600	17.7	92,100
Colorado	13th	864,700	954,000	11.7	89,300
Tenneessee	14th	1,006,500	1,081,100	8.1	74,600
Oregon	15th	569,900	626,600	10.3	56,700
Texas ranks 1st in enrollment growth with a remarkable increase of					
596,800 students from 2012 to 2023! This enrollment surge					
underscores Texas's commitment to education and highlights the					
pressing need for financial resources to ensure that public schools					
can continue to provide quality learning experiences for every					

that investing in education has never been more crucial for future generations of Texans. See the full chart HERE. PURCHASE SMARTER. NOT HARDER. Your vehicle to local and national SAVINGS **PURCHASING COOPERATIVE** without compromising compliance. View All TIPS Contracts

student. As Texas leads the charge in student intake, it's evident

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**FOUNDERS' NOTE** 

"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is

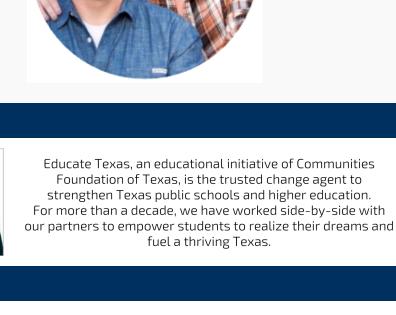
waiting, so get on your way!" - Dr. Suess

Welcome back to school, friends!

and your work! You hold the remarkable ability to shape futures and inspire the leaders of tomorrow. Embrace every challenge as an opportunity to ascend your own mountains, knowing that your

efforts ripple far beyond the classroom walls.

Here's to a year brimming with growth, learning, and meaningful impact! Together, Leslie & Scott Milder





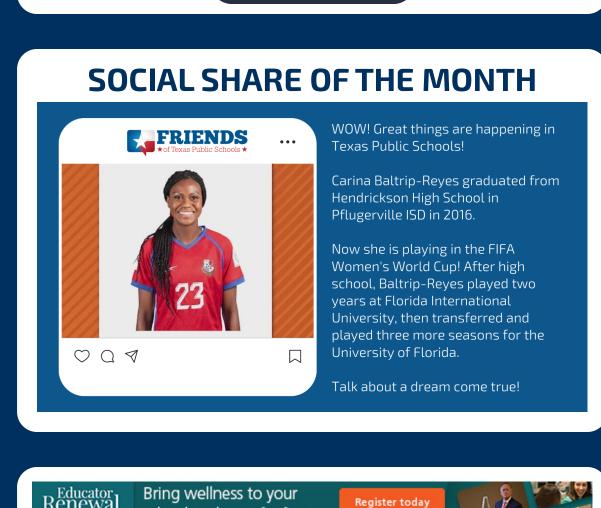
FRIEND OF THE

YEAR DINNER

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**EXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS!** 

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E T's back-to-school season, and as teachers have been busy

preparing their classrooms for a new year of learning, we wanted to lend a helping hand. We created a Facebook thread for teachers to share their Amazon wishlists so we can come together as a

community and help fulfill their classroom needs. Whether

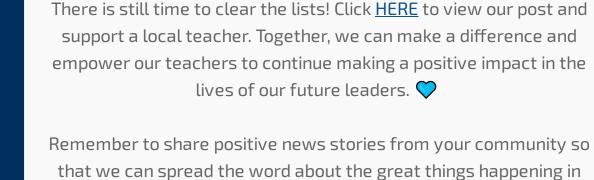
essential school supplies, creative teaching materials, or inspiring books, we want them to have everything they need to make this

school year unforgettable for our students.

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school and maximize

student achievement



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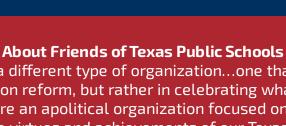


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