



**To: Current TARS Membership**  
**From: Michael Lee and Leigh Ann Glaze**  
**Re: TARS Updates!**

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Summer is upon us all, but the work is not slowing down! The number of teachers and kiddos at your door has slowed down a little, but the demands on you and your summer work is just beginning! Be sure to take some time for you and your family, as August will be here before you know it and school will start again!

Please don't forget to register for the upcoming UT/TASA Summer Conference and join us for the TARS membership meeting and Retirement Reception for Bill and Pat Grusendorf. Both of these events will be held on June 25, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Austin where the conference is being held.

On Thursday, May 24, 2018 TARS representatives were in Austin to attend the House of Representatives Public Education Committee meeting. Only two items were on the agenda, but much was covered at this meeting. Agenda items included: 1. Examine research-based options for evaluating student achievement beyond standardized test scores, and 2. Examine programs in public schools that have proven results meeting the needs of improving student achievement for students with disabilities. Testimony can be viewed at <http://www.house.state.tx.us/video-audio/committee-broadcasts/>.

TARS representatives will be at the Texas Education Agency on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 9:00 am for the Texas Commission on Public School Finance meeting. On the agenda to be covered includes English Learners, Educator Supports, and Regulator Inefficiencies in Public Education. School district personnel from the following school districts will offer testimony: Alief ISD, Comal ISD, Galena Park ISD, Cypress Fairbanks ISD, San Angelo, ISD, Greenwood ISD, Ft. Bend ISD, Austin ISD, Humble ISD, **Sudan ISD**, Eagle Mount Saginaw ISD, and **Pampa ISD**. We will bring you highlights and updates from the Commission's meeting in a subsequent email.

We will be at each and every meeting in Austin representing the interests of Rural Schools!

#### **Upcoming TARS Events**

- **June 5, 2018** - Texas Commission on Public School Finance meeting 9:00 am TEA.
- **June 7, 2018** - House of Representatives Public Education Committee on Educator Quality 8:00 am E2.030 Texas Capitol

- **June 25, 2018** - Membership meeting and breakfast - 7:30 am Hyatt Regency Austin in conjunction with the UT/TASA Summer Conference.
- **June 25, 2018** - Retirement Reception for Bill and Pat Grusendorf - 5:00 pm Hyatt Regency Austin.



**THE MAJOR THRUST OF TARS IS THREEFOLD:**

- To protect the “small school formulas/adjustment,”
- To protect the valuation of agricultural land according to its productivity only, and
  - To fight efforts toward consolidation of small school districts.