

Chat AFT questions Jan. 2025

Does Northside AFT's declaration of "securing a board majority" in the upcoming school board elections a violation of the IRS regulations regarding a 501 c 5 organization?

Items to consider - Has local 316 supported individual candidates for office?

May 2023 Board election- AFT spent more than \$11,000 for their candidates.

Form 990 - Tax Returns Primary purpose? 2022 18 employees, 6 organizers, 8 executive VPs.

Differences in unions that operate within Northside ISD - volunteer presidents vs. paid AFT

ACT blue donation link in Christian Carranza /Dr. Duran event

National items to consider : Florida constitutional amendment 6 failed

Chicago Public Schools - \$7 million spent on school board campaigns

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For more Information

May 2025 NISD
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Now, more than ever, we need your solidarity to persist with our essential advocacy. January 2025 brings a pivotal legislative session in Texas, and May 2025 will bring Northside ISD School Board elections, where securing a union majority will be key.

Today, we take time to grieve, but tomorrow, we rise again. We owe our students a future worth fighting for, and as always, when we fight together, we will win together.

In Solidarity,



Melina Espiritu-Azocar, Northside AFT President



Chat GPT -

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Northside Trustees up for re-election 2025 include Karen Freeman, Carol Harle and Corinne Saldana. Bobby Blount was not supported by Northside AFT in 2023.



TASB Executive Director Dan Troxell said the James B. Crow Award offers an important opportunity to showcase outstanding and effective school district governance in Texas public education. “In establishing this award, the TASB Board sought to recognize individuals who demonstrate integrity, collaboration, innovation, and a commitment to relationship building and empowering others,” he said. “There is no better way to honor the legacy of James B. Crow than by paying tribute to a longtime servant leader like Bobby Blount.”

Congressman Castro

District 4 Bobby Blount was the incumbent trustee in the 2023 election. Will Congressman Castro continue to support incumbents in the 2025 election or will he support AFT's slate?

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Today is the last day to vote early!

I hope you all will support Dr. Karla Duran, David Salcido, and Gerald Lopez for the NISD school board.


All of them would do a terrific job as the representative for their respective districts.

You can find all voting locations in Bexar County at the link below:

<https://planyourvotesa.org/voting/election-day-voting/>

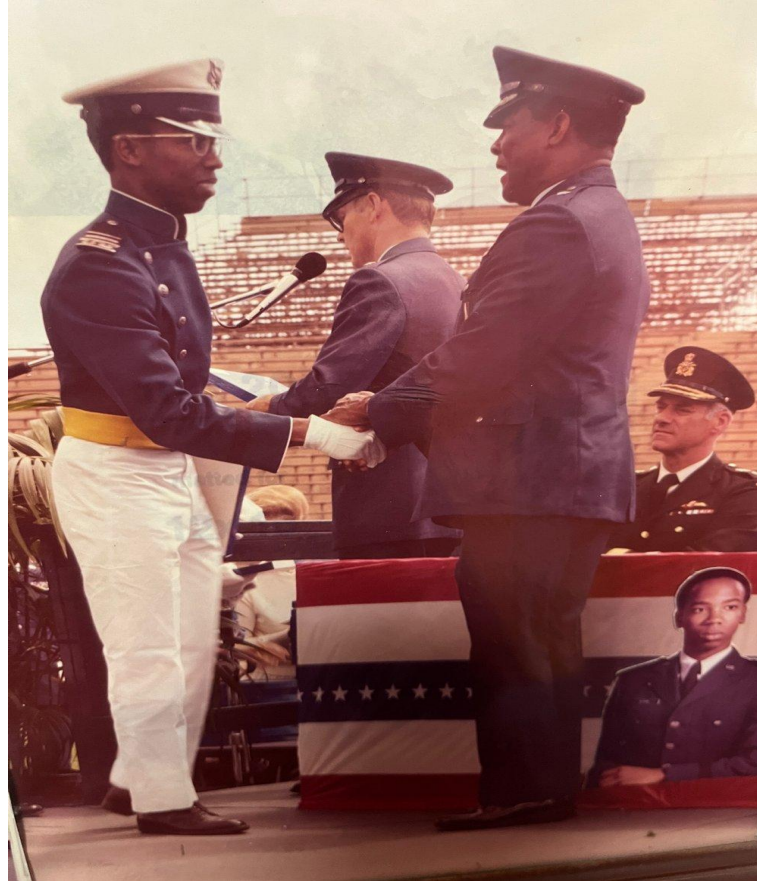
Election Day is Saturday, May 6th!

Thank you!

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San Antonio Express News April 19, 2023



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While serving on his local board, Blount has held many notable leadership roles in San Antonio, including the Bexar County School Board Coalition, the Go Public Campaign, and the San Antonio Area African American Community Fund. He is the founder and director of the Northside Solar Car Races, which involves more than 1,000 students annually, and the founder of the Northside Soccer League. He is a former director on the TASB Board, served on the TASB Legislative Advisory Council, and is an alumni of the Leadership TASB program.

Until his retirement in 2023, he served for 35 years as a systems engineer for the MITRE Corporation, a company dedicated to advancing national security.

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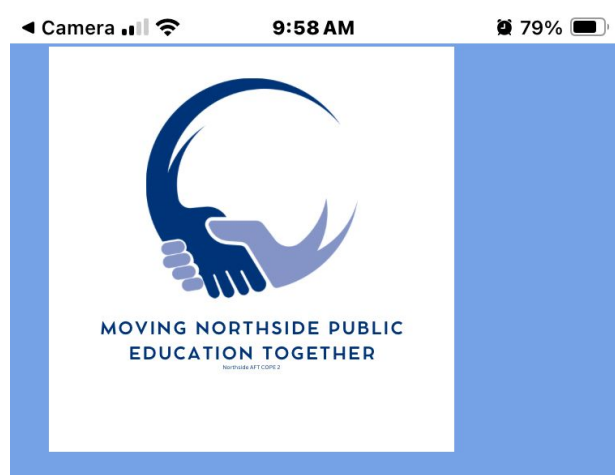
San Antonio Express News

Conference Expenses 2023 \$42,585

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

(Code: _____)	(Expenses \$ 296,791	including grants of \$ _____)	(Revenue \$ 942,665)
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Represented teachers from the San Antonio School District at the local, state, and national level with the goal of obtaining better salaries, benefits, and working conditions. There were several meetings and conferences to keep the membership informed of any developments in their work fields. The organization is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers on the national level and with the Texas Federation of Teachers on the state level.



Moving Northside Public Education Together

As we approach the 2025 school board elections, Northside ISD needs a board that reflects the values of working people and prioritizes student-focused decisions.

safety, dignity, and fair pay. Our students need policies that honor their identities and ensure equitable public education.

However, Texas public education is threatened by harmful legislation like school vouchers and book bans. These laws undermine quality education and democratic principles.

By investing in our cause, you help elect candidates who oppose these threats. Together, we can protect our children's access to diverse learning materials and uphold the integrity of public education in Texas.

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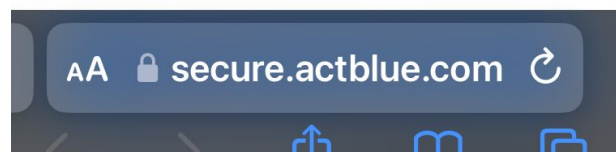
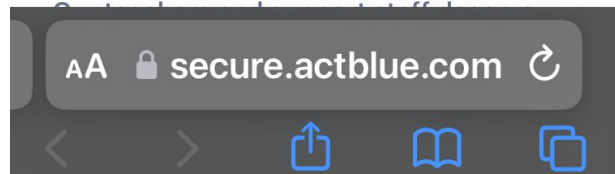
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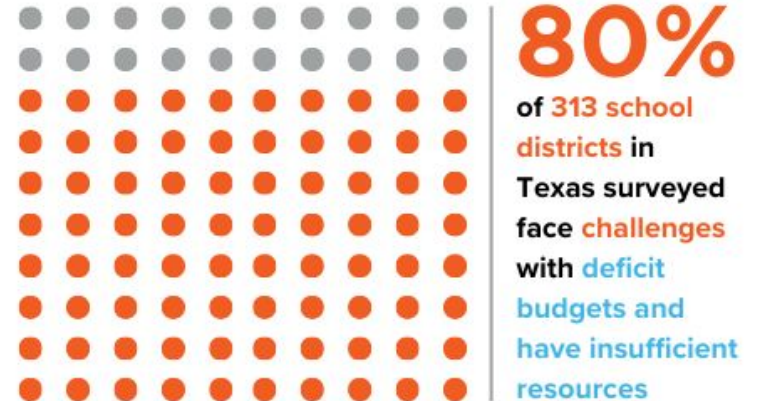


Northside AFT @northside_aft · May 27

You deserve a pay increase and the district has the funds to pay you a living wage. Join us as at Tuesday's Board meeting! Our members will be advocating for a living wage!

School Budget Deficits in Texas Continue into School Year 2024-25

<https://www.raiseyourhandtexas.org/why-texas-school-districts-are-filing-deficit-budgets/>



2023



Northside AFT @northside_aft · Jun 13, 2023

Tonight Dr. Craft proposed a 3% increase for all staff. Trustee Lopez proposed a 4% increase and it was seconded by both Trustee Duran and Trustee Salcido. Trustee Harle, Blount, Saldana, and Freeman all voted against the higher raise.





Civic Committee
COMMERCIAL CLUB OF CHICAGO

CHICAGOLAND
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

October 6, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**STATEMENT OF THE CIVIC COMMITTEE OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB OF CHICAGO
AND THE CHICAGOLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON LEADERSHIP CHANGES
AT THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Two weeks ago, we raised serious concerns about Mayor Brandon Johnson's plans to fire CPS CEO Pedro Martinez and his request for CPS to borrow over \$300M through a short-term, high-interest loan. With the unprecedented mass resignation of the Mayor's handpicked school board and the announcement of seven new school board members just weeks before the first school board election in Chicago's history, our concerns have only escalated. The management stability, educational quality, and financial state of the Chicago Public Schools are critical to both the short and long-term prospects of the children and families of Chicago as well as the success of Chicago businesses of every size and the long-term economic future of our city. We strongly urge the board to keep CEO Martinez in place, reject the misguided proposal to borrow more money, and work with all parties to bring transparency and long-term fiscal stability and quality education to the school system.

Our schools are not for sale. Our city is not for sale.”

More than \$7 million dollars spent on Chicago Public Schools 1st school board elections.

Focus on students blurred by soundbites



Adam Parrott-Sheffer, a candidate for Chicago school board, spoke with Joseph Williams of the nonprofit Mr. Dad's Fathers' Club after a candidate forum hosted by the nonprofit Raise Your Hand at Englewood STEM High School in September. |

(Courtesy of Parrott-Sheffer)

Form 990 2023 Tax Return

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WILL A JURY DECIDE TO APPOINT A TEMPORARY TRUSTEE?

Thursday, Jan. 23 hearing to set date for jury trial.

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ROBERT C. GONZALEZ,
Plaintiff
V.
KARLA CASTILLON DURAN,
Defendant

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
288th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Plaintiff's Motion To Set For Trial By Jury as per §87.015-.017 Texas Local Government Code, is set for hearing on 23rd day of January 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Monitoring Civil District Courtroom 166th District Court located at the Bexar County Courthouse, 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio, Texas, 78205.

YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY LOGGING ON TO ZOOM OR BY APPEARING IN-PERSON AT THE COURTHOUSE.

TO APPEAR BY ZOOM: At the designated time above, log on to the Monitoring Civil District Court Zoom using this link:
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Wi-Fi access may not be available at court.

OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION:

1. The time announcement: two (2) days after jury selection.
2. Telephone numbers and emails for all attorneys or self-represented litigants:

Attorney for Plaintiff: Francisco R. Canseco
Attorney for Defendant: Martin Golando