



REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTO R. ALONZO'S capitol report



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From Left to Right: Ms. Lucy Guajardo, IT Procurement Administrator, Methodist Health System; Ms. Laura Irvine, President, Methodist Dallas Medical Center (MDMC); Rep. Alonzo; and Dr. Stephen Mansfield, President/CEO, Methodist Health System at Expansion Press Conference.

Rep. Alonzo Welcomes All Students Going Back to School & Colleges This Week

It's school time again and for thousands of little children and young men and women starting a new academic year for 2011-12 at area schools and colleges/universities around the DFW area, it is back to the books, studying as usual, sports competitions, and more of the daily activities that come with the traditional new school year.

Many students are probably feeling excited and maybe a little sad that summer is over. Some kids - particularly the very young ones, or even first-year college students - feel nervous or a little scared on the first day of school because of all the new things: new teachers, new friends, new campus environments, and maybe even a new school, or being away from home and parents for the first time in their lives. Luckily, these "new" worries only stick around for a little while.

"All in all, I encourage all students, regardless of age, background, neighborhood, or financial circumstances, to take school seriously. Study hard, apply yourselves to your work, stay active in school activities, get to know your teachers, and administrators. Most importantly, however, know that an education is a valuable tool and asset that you have a right by law to acquire and take advantage of to the fullest extent. Do not let anyone tell you that you cannot achieve your dreams and succeed in life. An education is something that can never be taken away from you," said Rep. Alonzo.

Rep. Alonzo Attends \$135 Million Facilities Expansion Press Conference for Methodist Health System, Tues, Aug 23

Rep. Alonzo was among the elected dignitaries in attendance on Tuesday, August 23, of the Methodist Health System for a Press Conference and Tour announcing a \$135 Million Facilities Expansion Plan to benefit Methodist Dallas Medical Center and Methodist Charlton Medical Center in Dallas. Joining hospital officials and other business leaders from across the city, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 pm in the Main Lobby, at the facility located at 1441 N. Beckley Avenue, Rep. Alonzo had an opportunity to meet with various medical personnel behind the expansion plan. Among others in attendance were: Stephen L. Mansfield, PhD, FACHE, President and CEO, Methodist Health System; John R. Ford, Chairman, Methodist Health System Board of Directors; the Honorable Mike Rawlings, Mayor, City of Dallas; Jonathan Davis, FACHE, President who outlined the plans; Laura Irvine, FACHE, President, Methodist Dallas Medical Center; and the Reverend Mary Stewart Hall, Manager of Pastoral Care and Education, Methodist Charlton Medical Center, as well as Dan Eddy, Vice President, External Affairs, Methodist Health System.

"I applaud Methodist Dallas Medical Center and Methodist Charlton Medical Center for this \$135 million massive undertaking that will help fill a much-needed void in the community. I am always thrilled to hear when medical facilities like Methodist Dallas Health Care System undertakes worthy projects like this that help address the health care needs of our local citizens," stated Rep. Alonzo.



Have A Great School Year in 2011-2012!