

Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's Capitol Report



Photos Above: On Thursday, May 14, Rep. Alonzo met representatives of Alliance-Dallas-American Federation of Teachers /Texas to discuss education priority issues the organization is pushing among lawmakers in Austin. Alliance-Dallas is among a host of teacher groups from across Texas that have been visiting lawmakers during the 140-day legislative session to stress issues that impact education such as classroom size, expansion of pre-kindergarten, teacher pay/benefits, less high-stakes testing, equitable school finance, local control, vouchers, and school choice among others.



After Dallas Teachers ask Rep. Alonzo to Defeat Home-Rule School Measure Bill ~ HB 1798 Failed to Pass to Engrossment ~

On Wednesday, May 13, the Texas House rejected a legislative measure that would have made it easier for outside interests and moneyed influential forces to hijack school districts failed to gain traction, thus stalling the efforts of supporters seeking to turn our schools upside down. In the process of defeat, Rep. Alonzo offered a number of key amendments that made House Bill 1798 almost impossible to garner enough support for passage.

[Photos, left, right: Rep. Alonzo in action on House Floor during debate of HB 1798]



Rep. Alonzo with members of Planned Parenthood at Capitol

National Women's Health Week, May 10-16, 2015

As part of National Women's Health Week, Rep. Alonzo met with members of Planned Parenthood to discuss important issues that impact women's health every day. Throughout the week, women's group including Planned Parenthood highlight the need for women of all ages to make preventive health care and regular checkups a critical part of staying healthy. It also provides them an opportunity to learn of ways they can improve their mental, physical, health and emotional well-being.

National Women's Health Week traditionally starts each year on Mother's Day. As a member of the House Women's Health Caucus, Rep. Alonzo has consistently taken an active role to ensure that all women's issues are given the proper attention and priority they deserve.