

# Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's

# Capitol Report



## Extension of the Alonzo Scholarship Program Soon To Be Implemented

As we approach the 2015-2016 school year, a number of influential legislation that were passed during the recent 84th Legislative session will soon come to fruition. One of the most momentous pieces of legislation is the extension of the *Roberto R. Alonzo Bilingual/ ESL Education Scholars Program*.

Rep. Alonzo has long been a champion for access to quality education, especially in the areas of bilingual and ESL education. Due to the large shortage of teachers in the those areas, both state and nationwide, Rep. Alonzo has worked tirelessly to enact the Roberto R. Alonzo Bilingual/ ESL Education Scholars Program to address the need.

**"Certification of bilingual education is absolutely vital in preparing teachers for working with the ever growing bilingual student population. With the proper training and education, these teachers will make a huge difference in the lives of young Latinos all over Texas,"** stated Rep. Alonzo.

During the 84th Session this nationally recognized program was extended across 7 universities in the north Texas area. These universities include: Univ. of North Texas, Univ. of North Texas in Dallas, Texas Women's University, University of Texas Dallas, University of Texas Arlington, Texas A&M Commerce, and DFW Tech Teach. Each university will receive funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the 2016-17 biennium, with specific allocation to the certification program for teachers in bilingual education and English as a Second Language.

In previous years, the program has offered over \$2 million in scholarships and helped 225 teachers to graduate from UNT. Now that the Roberto R. Alonzo Bilingual/ ESL Education Scholars Program has been expanded to 7 universities, the number of certified teachers in North Texas will continue to rise.

## Back-to-School Immunizations



## Clinics Currently Offering Back to School Immunizations

With school just around the corner, Dallas County Health and Human Services will be offering affordable immunizations for school aged children 18 and younger. DCHHS encourages parents to beat the back-to-school rush and bring their children to one of the five weekday clinics. The clinics are open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm at the following locations::

- 2377 N. Stemmons Frwy. Room 159 in Dallas
- 3312 N. Buckner Blvd. Suite 200 in Dallas
- 1113 E. Jefferson Blvd. Suite 200 in Dallas
- 440 S. Nursery Rd. in Irving
- 2774 Valwood Pkwy. in Farmers Branch

Lines are expected to get longer as we approach the start of school. That is why it is important that parents take their kids in for vaccination as soon as possible. No appointments are necessary. immunizations cost \$10 for the first visit, and \$5 for returning parents.

**"Making sure that children receive their vaccinations on time is one of the most important things you can do as a parent to ensure your children's long-term health—as well as the health of friends, classmates, and others in your community,"** said Rep. Alonzo

## Free Back To School Haircuts



Remington College is now offering free back to school haircuts through its Cuts for Kids promotion. Throughout the month of August, all Remington College cosmetology programs are providing free haircuts to kids 17 years of age and under. In Dallas, call The Salon at Remington at 972-698-3890 to make an appointment or simply come Remington College Dallas Campus located at 1640 Eastgate Drive in Garland, TX. Walk-ins are also welcome. Also during Cuts for Kids, Remington College will also be collecting school supplies - pens, pencils, notebooks, etc. Anyone who brings in a donation can get a free haircut, manicure, or pedicure for themselves.