



CCAFT

From the President

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Dear CCAFT Member,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying a well-deserved summer vacation.

Thank you for being a member of the Corpus Christi American Federation of Teachers. We should all be proud of the CCAFT legacy. Our members are active and involved on many levels of school and community engagement. Our accomplishments, both recent and historic, are the result of strong unionism and collective action by our members.

This weekend (June 12-14, 2015) at the Texas AFT state convention in San Antonio, I was elected by the delegates to serve as the Texas AFT Secretary-Treasurer. I will submit my resignation as the president of the Corpus Christi American Federation of Teachers at the end of June, 2015. While I am moving to Austin, Texas, I will remain a strong member of the Corpus Christi American Federation of Teachers. I plan on being back in Corpus Christi for New Teacher Orientation and other back-to-school events this fall.

According to the CCAFT Constitution, the vice-president assumes the office of the president until the next election. Dr. Nancy Vera will take over as CCAFT President upon my resignation. Dr. Vera is ready to assume the office of president for a smooth transition of leadership. Dr. Vera provides stability and experience moving forward. She will fulfill my term until the next regularly scheduled election of officers in the spring of 2017.

I am so proud of our union and its members! I am most proud of our consultation wins, strong executive board, amazing CCAFT staff, awesome teacher leader grant program, successful professional development committee, active community engagement work, and the outstanding membership mobilization we do year-round. However, we do have work ahead. November 2016 is an election year. Four of the seven CCISD school board seats will be on the ballot. CCAFT must run an organized and membership-driven campaign that produces an outcome similar to what we did last year for Tony Diaz. Our community and employees deserve a pro-public education school board that respects teacher contracts and consultations.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as CCAFT President. The relationships built during this time will last a lifetime. Thank you for supporting me and I appreciate your continued AFT membership. Please feel free to contact me in Austin. Rest assured, I will continue working on your behalf at Texas AFT.

In Solidarity,

Ray McMurrey

CCAFT President