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**DALLAS FRIENDS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION HOLDS FUNDRAISER
Carona, Ehrhardt praise group's efforts**

DALLAS— Local group Dallas Friends of Public Education (DFPE) held a fundraiser this past Saturday to raise money for their organization, as well as to bolster their endorsed candidates in DISD's upcoming November 3 school board elections.

The low dollar event attracted more than 50 attendees and raised over \$4000. Those present at the fundraiser included event co-sponsors State Senator John Carona and Retired State Representative Harryette Ehrhardt.

"We have an outstanding set of candidates here," stated Carona, referring to the three candidates endorsed by DFPE, who were also on hand for the event. DFPE had previously announced endorsements for school board candidates Dr. Kyle Renard, a board certified pediatrician and DISD parent running in District 1, Bruce Parrott, a retired video producer and DISD graduate running for District 3, and Bernadette Nutall, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Circle of Support, Inc, running for the District 9 seat on the board.

Senator Carona and Retired Representative Ehrhardt both spoke of the importance of a quality educational program for our children, and emphasized that good schools is not a partisan issue. "Our children's education is an issue that concerns everyone. Republican and Democrat, conservative and liberal," said Carona, thanking the crowd for their participation. "That is why I'm here, that is why you are here, and that is why it is crucial that everyone get involved. DISD is in desperate need of reform and deserves our support. It is up to each one of us to participate in the process."

Ehrhardt and Carona both thanked the crowd for attending and praised DFPE members for their commitment to quality education for all DISD students. Ehrhardt reminded those in attendance that DFPE's efforts will not stop after November. "We are here for the long term. Our group's efforts will continue through next May's elections and beyond." Ehrhardt emphasized the group's primary issues "which are far more than just the elections or the candidates."

DFPE outlined their core principles at a press conference earlier this month. They include: Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency; Respect for the Voters; Basic Ethical Standards; Support for All Schools; A Fair System to Determine teacher and Student Achievement

DFPE is a non-partisan organization whose supporters, from conservative Republican Senator John Carona to liberal retired Democratic State Representative Harryette Ehrhardt, believe that good schools are everyone's responsibility. DFPE intends to serve as a source of information to inform and engage voters throughout the DISD.

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