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Austin media advisory for Tuesday, April 16

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Del Valle school board to vote on pay raises for all employees

WHAT: Del Valle school board scheduled to vote on raising minimum salary for bus drivers to \$16 an hour and all other support employees to \$15 an hour. The board also will vote on pay raises for all teachers and employees, effective with the 2019-2020 school year. These across-the-board raises will be calculated on 3 percent of the district's mid-point salary. This will average about \$1,600 a year in addition to any raises ordered by the Legislature. The board also will vote on a \$4,500 stipend for bilingual teachers.

WHO: Del Valle ISD trustees and members of the Del Valle Education Association

WHERE: Edward A. Neal Administrative Center, 5301 Ross Rd., Del Valle

WHEN: Tuesday, April 16

5 p.m. Teachers and other school employees will meet outside the administration building and be available for media interviews about the importance of Superintendent Dr. Kelly Crook's pay raise recommendations and the board's anticipated action.

6:15 p.m. Board meeting begins

Officers of the Del Valle Education Association had the following comments:

President Katrina Van Houten, a math teacher: "We applaud Dr. Crook for recommending these pay increases, which are crucial to school employees and their families. Some of the district's support staffers are earning as little as \$10 an hour, hardly a livable wage, especially for the head of a household."

First Vice President Shea Smith, a Response to Intervention teacher: "These raises will help Del Valle ISD attract and retain some of the best and most-dedicated teachers and support staff in Central Texas, and our students will benefit."

Second Vice President Michelle Cardenas, a pre-kindergarten teacher: "We got into this profession to help prepare children for the future, not to get rich. But we expect and deserve professional salaries. We hope the Legislature adds to these raises for all school employees throughout Texas and also provides some overdue relief from our rising health insurance premiums, which continue to erode our paychecks."