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## Winter 2013

### Growing, Growing and Growing

Come join us and be part of our union. Our first meeting of the year was held on October 23, 2013 and the discussions were extraordinary. There were over 30 members in attendance and together they....

- Discussed issues that are going on in Edinburg CISD
- Discussed the essentials in forming a local union
- Discussed membership growth

The second meeting was held on November 6, 2013 and needed to be held in Sekula Public Library due to our double attendance of members. We ...

- Discussed issues and how we can resolve them.
- Formed the following committees.
  - Internal Communications
  - Building Representative Structures
  - Issues and Advocacy

Our third meeting for members will be held December 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Echo Hotel in Edinburg, just before our Holiday Social. Please make plans to join us and be a part of this great movement!



#### Planning & Prep Time (Conference Time)

The Texas Education Code reads as follows: **§ 21.404.**

Each classroom teacher is entitled to at least 450 minutes within each two week period for instructional preparation, including parent-teacher conferences, evaluating students' work, and planning. A planning and preparation period under this section may not be less than 45 minutes within the instructional day. During a planning and preparation period, a classroom teacher may not be required to participate in any other activity.

This period of time is to be used at the discretion of the teacher and may not be hijacked by administrators without the consent of the teacher.

See other teacher tips at: <http://edinburg.tx.aft.org/>



**December 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

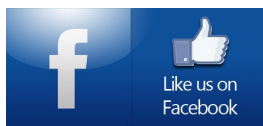
**Meeting/Holiday Social for  
Edinburg AFT Members**



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