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October 26, 2009

Dear Ed,

I wanted to drop you a note to thank you for your time and talent creating PTA and volunteer websites for LISD, and to acknowledge the impact these websites have had in encouraging more parent involvement in and connection with our schools.

As I understand it, starting as a parent volunteer at Rutledge Elementary who saw a need to move beyond phone calls to connect with parents and the community, you volunteered to create a my-pta.org site for every LISD campus. From populating the sites, training volunteer coordinators and PTA presidents, and providing technical assistance, you have exceeded our hopes! In addition to hosting numerous evening online training sessions, you continue to make yourself available for Q&A sessions. I know that your technical team continues to tweak the sites, adding new features and even rewriting code as needed. The comments I have received affirm how easy you are to work with and how quickly you respond to any of our concerns.

One of our volunteer coordinators had this to say about the website:

*The website facilitates communication through the volunteer community that would never be possible with a phone calling system. And with the ability to email requests to volunteers that direct them to volunteer schedules and opportunities that are available, you are able to keep the volunteers informed without "harassing" them through a dozen phone calls. I think the system is very user friendly for both the volunteers and the volunteer coordinator.*

It is obvious to me that you truly care about the district and volunteer program, and we are grateful for the PTA/Volunteer websites you created and continue to maintain. Thank you for all you do in support of our students, staff, and the LISD community.

Sincerely,

Bret A. Champion