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## Notable and quotable

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If the restaurants, nightlife and arts scene aren't enough to make you want to visit downtown, maybe a colorful new website that promotes the area will.

[Downtownarlington.org](http://Downtownarlington.org), run by the Downtown Arlington Management Corp., is almost as exciting as the real thing.

The site "really captures and highlights the wonderful amenities and events in downtown," said Tony Rutigliano, president of the corporation, which has a contract with the city to manage economic development efforts and forge alliances among city officials, property owners, businesses and residents.

"We hope everyone will bookmark the site and sign up to receive our email alerts to stay abreast of the exciting things that are going on," Rutigliano said in an announcement on [myarlingontx.com](http://myarlingontx.com).

The revitalization of downtown that began several years ago continues, and the website offers multiple ways to keep track of the developments and plan a visit.

### Latinos and schools

Luis Castillo, president of Arlington's League of United Latin American Citizens, is wary of phrases like "community engagement" and "community inclusion."

He feels they've "been reduced to mere buzz words without any meaningful intent," according to a letter he sent to the Arlington school board after Thursday's meeting. Trustee Gloria Peña's latest motion to name a school holiday after farmworker labor leader Cesar Chavez was once again voted down at the meeting.

Castillo had planned to address the board in open forum, but arrived too late at Thursday's meeting.

He maintains that many Latino leaders like himself have not been included on committees and boards that craft school policy.

"It appears as though the present process of selecting community members to school district committees is equivalent to obtaining 'day laborers' to serve on committees," he wrote, "just to give the appearance that the Latino community is included and engaged."

### Education conference

How can education and business work together?

A conference Monday at the University of Texas at Arlington will try to answer that question. The free event will include remarks from former U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings and current Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams.

Audience members will hear discussions on what employers need from education and what the school finance lawsuits mean. Sponsors are the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and state. Rep. Diane Patrick, R-Arlington.

Registration is required. Information: [www.arlingontx.com/site/showevent/1860](http://www.arlingontx.com/site/showevent/1860).

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