

## **TSTA-RETIRED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2008-2009**

### **State Priorities**

TSTA-Retired will actively **support** any proposals that would achieve these goals:

- \* Support permanent increases to annuities for TRS members.
- \* Work to maintain the Teacher Retirement System as established by the Constitutional Act of 1937.
- \* Provide adequate health insurance and affordable prescription drug services for retired public school employees that is comparable to the plans and costs for state employees and those granted to employees of higher education.
- \* Maintain the Permanent School Fund.

TSTA-Retired will actively **oppose** any proposals that would achieve these goals:

- \* Legislation promoting private school vouchers and work toward stricter accountability for Charter Schools in Texas.
- \* Legislation that will weaken the certification standards for teachers.
- \* Any changes to the way TRS grants annuities to its members – keep present system of defined benefits as opposed to plans of defined contributions.

### **Federal Priorities**

- \* Support the repeal of the Government Pension Offset Law.
- \* Support the repeal of the Windfall Elimination Provision of the Social Security Program.