

Fight Burn Out



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reclaim our classrooms. That's TSTA!

Because it's about teaching, not testing

Life may be one test after another, but a test doesn't prepare you for life. If it were as simple as that, you never would have gone into education.

But every year the increasing hours of test preparation get in the way of the one thing that can teach students to think: *real, personal interaction.*

It's not just your principals and superintendents. The pressure comes from the very top of the ladder where policymakers hold the purse strings and make decisions about what happens in *your* classroom. That's right — people who haven't set foot in a classroom in decades are deciding educational policy.

That's why TSTA claims *our* seat at the table. Because when we stand together, we have a say about what goes on in our classrooms.

TSTA ... it's about protecting the right to teach.

Because we are professionals

Do you think a lawyer only gets a 30-minute lunch? Do you think a doctor treats more than 22 patients at the same time? No and no!

By standing together, TSTA has fought for the professional respect teachers and educational professionals deserve. Under the guise of "local control" the politicians tried to give school districts the power to *eliminate the salary schedule, the 22-1 class size limit in K-4, planning time and duty-free lunch, standards for teacher certification, not to mention teacher contracts and due process.*

To push back these attacks, we pulled out all the stops. We trained local leaders, kept TSTA members up-to-speed on the latest legislative action, and we mobilized TSTA members to make over 20,000 personal calls to their legislators.

The attacks are coming back — you better believe it. The only question is whether you'll be there to fight with us.

TSTA ... because teaching children is a job for professionals.

Because Texas needs people who dedicate their lives to children

No one can say with a straight face that becoming a public school teacher in Texas is a ticket to easy street. You're not paid for the extra time you put in. Most aren't even reimbursed for the school supplies and little extras that come out of your pocket.

You do it for one reason — the children — they're why you got into education in the first place. Who will fight for them? Teachers, counselors and educators know best of all that no two kids are alike ... they don't all learn the same ... but a trained, caring and committed professional *can* make a lasting difference in their lives.

At one point in our lives, it happened to us. That's why we're here. And that's why the time is now to reclaim our classrooms.

TSTA ... it's about making a commitment to make a difference.

**JOIN NOW AND
PAY NO DUES
UNTIL NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!**

**We want you to join TSTA,
because we want you back next year!**

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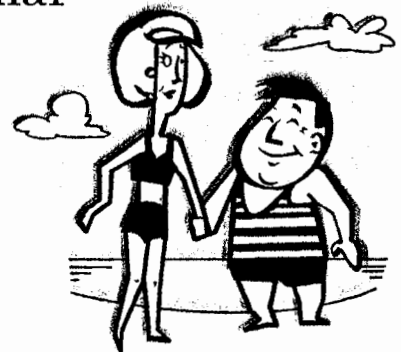
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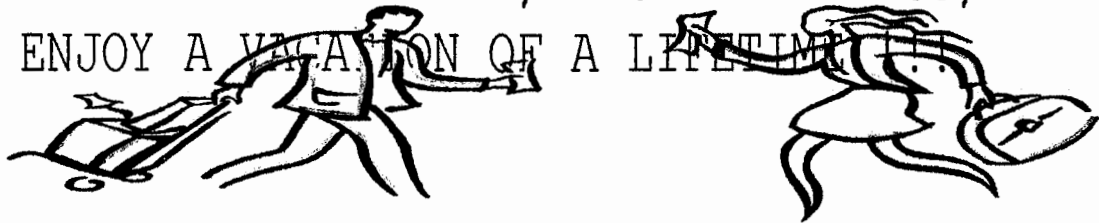
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