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## **Students and educators freed from the chains of NCLB**

TSTA President Noel Candelaria released the following statement today:

“Fourteen years ago, the federal No Child Left Behind Act was passed with good intentions, but it became a test and punish system that took the essence of learning out of our classrooms and robbed teachers and students of the time needed for teaching and learning.

“Today’s final passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a victory for students and educators because it recognizes that we don’t have standardized students and it gives educators and parents a greater voice and more flexibility to prepare our children for a lifetime of success.

“Parents and educators, not the federal government or self-styled reformers perched in remote think tanks, know what works best for our children and students. The new law returns the focus of education where it belongs – to the classroom – and encourages the states and local school districts to invest the resources needed to provide every student with an opportunity to succeed.”