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TSTA applauds Davis' teacher proposals

The Texas State Teachers Association today applauded Wendy Davis for proposing a plan to open up a pipeline for more first-rate teachers for Texas and for beginning a discussion on raising teacher pay to national standards.

“We applaud Senator Davis for proposing a plan that would go a long way toward making sure a growing student population has highly qualified teachers in every classroom,” said TSTA President Rita Haecker.

Teacher pay in Texas now ranks about \$8,000 below the national average. TSTA recognizes that deficit won't be closed overnight but is pleased that Senator Davis is taking a positive step toward addressing it. She also is proposing a way to encourage and help the best students become teachers after completing college. A strong teacher pipeline is essential to keeping Texas public schools strong and ensuring Texas' future.

“We recognize that it may not be possible to raise teacher salaries to the national average immediately, but we are excited to have a candidate like Wendy Davis who wants to move us in the right direction,” Haecker added.