



TSTA NEWS

TEXAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION 8716 N. Mopac Expressway, Austin, TX 78759 • 877-ASK-TSTA • www.tsta.org • Fax 512-486-7049

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 15, 2023

Contact: Clay Robison

ClayR@tsta.org

cell: 512.535.8994

TSTA applauds Democrats' proposed investments in public education

Texas State Teachers Association President Ovidia Molina released the following statement:

We applaud House Democrats for drafting a plan to make the kind of substantial investments in public education that will be necessary to realistically address the teacher shortage and improve educational opportunities for every student. These include higher compensation for educators and retirees.

The Democrats' call for \$10,000 in pay raises for every teacher, spread over two years, and a 23 percent increase in the basic student allotment demonstrates their commitment to the future of our public schools and the future of our state as well. The higher basic allotments also will provide funding that school districts can use to increase pay for support staff.

The lawmakers' proposal to base school funding on enrollment rather than attendance will ensure schools receive funding for every student they are responsible for teaching and not be penalized for absences they cannot control.

And their commitment to cost-of-living adjustments, or COLAs, for retired educators is a big step toward giving teachers and school employees who devoted their lives to improving the lives of their students the dignified, livable pensions they have earned.