



Lawmakers are back in action January 13th

Texas AFT is ready...Are you?

Texas AFT keeps a watchful eye on the Texas Legislature – after all, this is the group that let testing run amok in our classrooms and left school districts and employees holding the bag on paying for education.

The Texas AFT team keeps you informed and alerts you when you need to take action.

By standing together, Texas AFT members have been able to hold the line on issues such as vouchers, and even score some wins for school safety and pay.

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HOT ISSUES: November 2008

Testing reform

Texas AFT members made progress in the fight to return testing to its proper place – an instructional guide for professional educators – when the Legislature began a top-to-bottom review of testing excesses and agreed to switch to move to end-of-course exams.

But testing remains out of control and some lawmakers remain intent on tying test scores to pay and other unproven ideas.

School finance

The Legislature has failed to deliver on promised state aid but keeps piling on more and more mandates. In 2006, the Lege took it further and handcuffed schools' ability to raise additional local funding to pay for the basics such as inflation and salaries. Since the change, more than 200 school districts have been tied up in expensive and time-consuming campaigns to win confusing tax-rate elections.

Ride the bus

Share your experience with Texas lawmakers and join hundreds of your colleagues from around the state at the Capitol for an education employee rally. Enjoy lunch at the Capitol. Seats go fast, so sign up today!