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Educators endorse Sylvia Garcia for Congress

The Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) announced today that the National Education Association (NEA) has endorsed state Senator Sylvia Garcia for the District 29 congressional seat. TSTA is the state affiliate of NEA and had recommended the endorsement.

“Sylvia Garcia has worked tirelessly to improve opportunities for Texas school children and their families,” said TSTA President Noel Candelaria. “As a member of the Education Committee in the Texas Senate, she fought to improve funding for neighborhood schools, reduce standardized testing and defeat vouchers and other school privatization schemes that benefit a handful of students at the expense of the vast majority of Texas kids.”

“Sylvia will work in Congress to make college more affordable, ease the debt burden for college graduates and repeal or reform the Windfall Elimination Provision to help secure the retirements of thousands of former Texas educators,” Candelaria added. “We look forward to Sylvia Garcia continuing her leadership for public schools, educators and students in the U.S. House of Representatives.”

Sylvia Garcia’s commitment to public schools, educators and retirees includes:

- # Repealing or reforming the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset to give former educators a more secure retirement.
- # Increasing college grants for all students and expanding federal loan forgiveness programs for young people who choose public service careers in education.
- # Supporting nutrition and health coverage programs for school children.
- # Opposing vouchers and other school privatization efforts.