



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, 2020

Contact: Clay Robison
512.476.5355, ext. 1313
cell: 512.535.8994

Texas State Teachers Association and NEA recommend Joe Biden for president

TSTA President Noel Candelaria released the following statement:

The Texas State Teachers Association and the National Education Association are proud to recommend Joe Biden for president of the United States. Joe Biden respects and values public education and educators. He will be our partner, not our adversary, in the White House, working with us to provide the necessary resources to give every American child an opportunity to succeed. These include smaller class sizes, expanded early learning programs, more assistance to students with special needs, competitive teacher salaries and improvements to school infrastructure.

Joe Biden will join us in the fight against school vouchers, for-profit, corporate charter chains and other privatization schemes that divert tax dollars to benefit a select few students at the expense of the vast majority of American children in public schools. He is committed to naming a teacher — a real educator — as secretary of education, not a non-educator intent on destroying public education.

Joe Biden is an experienced leader who respects the crucial role that public education and educators play in preparing our country for a successful, prosperous future. He will work to unify Americans by building on our strengths and our diversity, not rip us apart over ideological differences.

Joe Biden remembers the life-changing role that teachers played in helping a boy with a stutter gain the self-confidence to successfully tackle his future: “I had teachers who first and foremost worked on my confidence, told me I was smart, told me I could do what I needed to do, sat with me and gave me the confidence to stand up and try to speak.”

The teachers and other educators of NEA/TSTA are now standing up for Joe Biden because he is standing up for us, our students and our country’s future.

(The Texas State Teachers Association is an affiliate of the National Education Association.)