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Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-8) is extra special this year; tell educators they are extra special too.

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

Teacher Appreciation Week is always a special time for educators, but it is extra special now, at the end of a school year when Texas teachers and their support staff have heroically met the needs of their students during a most difficult time with unprecedented challenges.

Teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, clerical staff and other school employees have worked long, extra hours, often risking their own health and safety, to distribute nutritious meals to students while campuses were closed and deliver computers and secure Wi-Fi hotspots to enable homebound students to keep learning.

Although stretched thin throughout the year, teachers redoubled their efforts to learn new teaching platforms and have repeatedly demonstrated their commitment and creativity in designing and providing innovative ways to keep their students engaged, whether they had returned to campus or were learning remotely.

These educators are my heroes, and I believe they are heroes to hundreds of thousands of Texas families. Like never before, they deserve this special week and day of recognition. Tomorrow, May 4, is Teacher Appreciation Day.

An easy way for parents, students or anyone to thank educators is through social media. Share your message by tagging @NEAToday and using our #thankateacher hashtag.

Here are some other ways you can express your gratitude: https://www.nea.org/resource-library/8-ways-thankateacher-today-and-every-day