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TSTA: Extremist attack on history curriculum is an attack on teachers and may worsen educator shortage

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

Educators celebrate the growing diversity in Texas public schools and communities, including the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community as well as people of color. Right-wing political extremists, including some elected officials, fear diversity and have been using the issue to try to drive a wedge between teachers and the parents whose support is critical for classroom success. Lies, such as critical race theory, which isn't taught in Texas public schools, are among their weapons.

The extremists' latest attack resulted in yesterday's decision by a majority of the State Board of Education to delay approval of a much-improved social studies curriculum that would recognize the contributions of all Texans to our culture and school life. It also would provide some much-needed updates to our outdated curriculum standards.

This proposed, new curriculum was developed by well-respected educators with the needs of schoolchildren, our state's future leaders, in mind. But too many members of the board chose to yield to lies and fear.

Political attacks on teachers already have contributed to one of the worst Texas teacher shortages in years. A recent TSTA survey found that 85 percent of Texas teachers believe that our state leaders don't have a positive opinion of them. Sixty-five percent said the general public, including parents, don't have a positive opinion of them either.

If state leaders are serious about addressing the teacher shortage, they will quit stirring up these extremist political stunts or teacher morale may plummet even more.