

#### 2023-2024 THEME ANNOUNCEMENT & LOGO REVEAL

As we kickoff TREA's 2023-2024 membership year, we embrace the profound impact of choices in every aspect of our lives, especially in public education. Our theme, "Empowered Educators, Thriving Students: The Impact of Your Choices" underscores the transformative power that conscious decision-making holds over our daily actions, attitudes, and influence, particularly when it comes to our students. As public school educators and advocates, we understand the immense responsibility of guiding and supporting the young minds in our care. We are committed to focusing on the kids, ensuring that they receive the best education and opportunities possible, regardless of the challenges we encounter.



We continue to assist districts in taking on the challenges and pressing issues facing Texas schools. TREA is here to support your district, staff, students, and to advance the educator profession. Let's keep striving for quality educational opportunities and experiences for all children from rural public schools.

Districts, ESCs and Sponsors should have received new invoices for 23-24. If you haven't or are unsure, districts/ESCs please reach out to [Kasey Hyde](#) (Coordinator of Member Services) to assist you and make sure your organization's profile account is up to date. Sponsors with questions may contact [Bonnie](#).

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#### Texans For Public Education | Rally at the Capitol



Saturday | October 7 | 12PM-2PM  
South Steps of Texas Capitol

Absolutely non-partisan! We are laser-focused on Texas kids and their families, and our public schools -- rather than a parade of politicians as speakers, we will have a superintendent, a teacher, a parent and a student. Rep Vikki Goodwin will speak and we're working on getting a Republican State Rep to also speak against vouchers.

REGISTER

During the regular session, in a bi-partisan effort to make sure taxpayer money was NOT spent on private school tuition, the issue of school vouchers was defeated. Unfortunately we are anticipating a special session in October to once again attempt to force this issue upon us, so let's make it clear once and for all that...

**Texans DO NOT WANT VOUCHERS!**

**WE ABSOLUTELY CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP!** We are joining forces, **blue** and **red** together, at the Capitol on **Saturday, October 7 at high noon.**

We need **YOU** to spread the word far and wide, **throughout the state**, AND we need you to **join us**, along with your friends and family on October 7.

**Wear **red**, white, and **blue****

**Bring the kids**

**Bring signs**

**Be ready to GET LOUD!**



**Take Care of Texas Video Contest** is a fun way for young people to learn about protecting the environment and come up with creative ways to share this knowledge with others! Students create a 30-second video that shows positive ways to Take Care of Texas. Contest sponsor Waste Management of Texas, Inc. will award prizes to the creators of the best videos.

- [Contest Details](#)
- Deadline: 12/1/23



**Take Care of Texas Professional Development Webinar** Don't miss this three-hour virtual session that will include an overview of the Take Care of Texas program, a detailed walk-thru and discussion of TEKS-aligned environmental education lesson plans, and valuable, facilitated conversations with other Texas educators.

- Webinar Date: 10/9/23
- [Register Here](#)



[Strategies for Increasing Breakfast Participation at Middle and High School](#): This resource highlights the three Breakfast After the Bell models (Breakfast In the Classroom, Grab and Go, and Second Chance Breakfast) that can be implemented at any level elementary through high school; it highlights strategies to increase participation while using these models

[Implementing A Successful Program](#): This page provides necessary information to help with planning and implementing a successful breakfast program.

TREA is proud to partner with [No Kid Hungry \(NKH\)](#) as they aim to tackle childhood hunger. Don't forget to sign up for the [Center for Best Practices Newsletter](#) so you can stay up to date on new resources!

Below are helpful resources for increasing participation in breakfast and lunch!

[Conversation Starters for Designing More Inclusive School Meals Programs](#): Students and their families are the most important stakeholders in school nutrition programs identify barriers that students and their families may face in accessing school meals, and generate ideas for engaging students and families as partners in designing more equitable meals programs.

[A Study on Chronic Absenteeism & Breakfast After the Bell](#): Micro Report and research brief on absenteeism and BAB

The logo for the REC Foundation, featuring the letters "REC" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with "FOUNDATION" in a smaller font below it. The logo is set against a background of a stylized gear or sunburst pattern.

The logo for the Rural Tech Project, featuring a stylized sunburst or gear pattern in orange, yellow, and green.

The [REC Foundation](#) and TREA are offering several different grant TREA members before anybody else. Grants are on a first come first serve basis and are subject to availability. Contact [Andy Schaafs](#) for more information.

**RURAL TECH PROJECT**

**Congratulations to Woodlake High School**

Meet the grand-prize winner in this U.S. Department of Education challenge

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#### Texas Retired Teachers Association

The Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) launched its Vote FOR Prop 9 campaign with a Social Media Blitz on Tuesday, September 12. [Click here for more details on the highlights below.](#)

- How to Participate in the Social Media Blitz
- Bring 10 Votes for Prop 9 With You to the Polls
- Send a Letter to the Editor of Your Newspaper
- Check Your Voter Registration Status







**SMU Institute for Leadership Impact 2023-2024 District Leadership Cohorts Announced**

Five administrators from three TREA member districts [were chosen](#). Congratulations to Dr. Jason Hewitt with Shepherd ISD; Dr. Teresa Silva, Mrs. Olga Moucoulis, Mr. Daniel Piña with Edgewood ISD; and Dr. Norbert Whitaker with Cedar Hill ISD.



In addition to the blended learning courses, TEA has approved three Computer Science courses as reimbursable. Please view the [updated list of course offerings here](#).

UTeach PD is enrolling participants for September cohorts now! For more information, please contact [pdinfo@uteach.utexas.edu](mailto:pdinfo@uteach.utexas.edu) or [schedule a meeting](#) with Dixie Valdez, UTeach Professional Development Manager.



[Administrator Toolkit](#) - updated Monthly:

- Information on the Fall Educator Leadership Development Series
- Kids Heart Challenge '23-'24 Sneak Peak
- Various Health & Wellness Resources for students, families & staff
- Contact information for AHA reps throughout Texas

**Education Innovation and Research Program: EIR Disseminating Tools and Resources Webinar Recording and Materials**

Dissemination is a major part of the investment in the Department of Education's Education, Innovation and Research (EIR) projects. All grantees participate in dissemination and also are consumers of work disseminated by others. This public-facing webinar recording provides a framework for thinking about the different strategies and purposes of dissemination, how the audience might vary based on the purpose, and some methods or avenues for dissemination. [Access the prerecorded webinars here](#).



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