



Talking Points Page

- To introduce our organization to you and invite you to use us as a resource
- To ensure that English Language Arts Professional Educators be used as a major resource in the creation of new standards, both in the process and in the final product.
 - Our Mission Statement:
 - TCTELA will advance the literacy growth of all Texas students by developing a network of professionals, providing research-based professional development, and transforming public understanding of the connection between teacher knowledge and student learning.
 - Resource:
 - When the Legislature or the State Board of Education is making decisions about education, and particularly about English Language Arts Education, we hope that you will contact us to give you professional opinions about the issues. [Examples of issues: standards revisions, testing issues, class sizes, etc.]
- To gain your support for a resolution of the National Day on Writing, observed annually on October 20th. On September 29, 2010, the United States Senate passed RES. 668 expressing support for the day.
 - We hope you will consider being the sponsor for a resolution in support of this day.
- To protect the time necessary for English Language Arts teachers to provide effective writing instruction.
 - For support for this statement, please refer to the recently passed TCTELA resolution (January 21, 2012) as well as the NCTE position statement referred to in that resolution.
 - Whereas recent state budget cuts have caused increased class size and teacher work load, be it resolved that TCTELA supports the NCTE Position On Class Size and Teacher Workload, 1999. TCTELA further resolves to disseminate this information to local school boards and Texas legislators through its members as they advocate for adequate funding to lower the total number of students per English language arts teacher.
 - <http://www.ncte.org/positions/statements/whyclasssizematters>