



Texas PTA Statement on Instructional Materials Funded at 85 Percent of Texas Education Agency Request

“While we are pleased that the Legislature has decided to fund the new English Language Arts and Reading instructional materials at 85 percent of the amount requested by the Texas Education Agency, we remain concerned about the impact that the 15 percent cut in funding will have on our children.”

Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott recently informed legislative leadership that a 25 percent cut in instructional materials funding would result in fewer English Language Arts and Reading textbooks delivered to Texas classrooms in fall 2010. While not as harmful as the 25 percent cut, the 15 percent cut still raises serious concerns. While some students will be provided for, others will feel the inevitable consequences of this cut in funding and will not be equipped with the educational tools they need to learn and succeed. The state must not cut corners when it comes to our children’s education.”