



Texas Association of Supervisors of Mathematics

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EDUCATORS VOW TO DEFEND PROCLAMATION 2006

The following statement was issued by TASM in response to the proposed committee substitute for House Bill 1 that would prevent schools from receiving new elementary mathematics materials.

STATEMENT FROM JIM WOHLGEHAGEN, PH.D
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“We are prepared to mobilize educators, parents and all Texans who care about the math proficiency of students, to ensure Proclamation 2005, elementary math materials, is honored. It is unbelievable that the Senate would consider denying our students new elementary mathematics books that are aligned with the TAKS test. How can they expect students to pass a test over material that’s not covered in out-dated textbooks? Educators for elementary mathematics are making Herculean efforts to work with old materials to prepare students to pass the TAKS in fifth grade. Failing the math portion of that TAKS means the student will not go on to middle school. Texas simply cannot afford to fall further behind in mathematics proficiency.

“The issue is simple. Are lawmakers for or against up-dated math textbooks?”