

Dear [reporter]:

Once again education promises to be at the top of the list of issues needing immediate attention from Texas lawmakers. To date, members of the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature have filed more than 150 education bills, many dealing with teachers and teacher-related issues.

As you begin reporting on legislation affecting Texas educators and their students, I would like to offer the Education Policy Implementation Center (EPIC) at the Texas State University System as a source for news stories and columns as well as a resource on current educational issues.

In the enclosed press packet, please find information about EPIC and its supporters. Understanding that quality education starts with quality educators, EPIC partners with researchers from the five TSUS universities to enhance the preparation, induction, and performance of all educators in Texas.

To contact or interview the researchers listed in this packet, please contact Tamara Bell at [bell@bellmediagroup.net](mailto:bell@bellmediagroup.net) or at (512) 799-8629. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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