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Funding for Texas School Teachers

Can We Afford to Leave Texas Teachers Behind?

- ✓ Texas ranks 32nd in average teacher salary - \$6,232 below the national average
- ✓ Texas ranks 34th in expenditure per student - \$873 below the national average
- ✓ Texas is among the ten states with the largest gap between the average salary of teachers and all other college graduates in 2000
- ✓ Texas is also among the ten states where the gap in average salary between teachers and all other college graduates widened most rapidly between 1990 and 2000
- ✓ Texas teachers have not received an across the board pay increase since 1999, which suggests that the salary gap may have widened since this data was released
- ✓ The state is currently paying less than 38% of the cost of public education

Data provided by the Texas State Teacher's Association