

STOP CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN TEMPLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Beatings and other forms of Corporal Punishment by teachers and administrators have many negative short and long term consequences on children proven by medical science, the American Pediatrician Association, and other experts. Some teachers are brutal, racist, and even mentally unstable when they employ this form of punishment on our children. According to the recent ACLU and Government Accountability Office reports, the primary targets for this practice are Black boys and girls, Latinos, Native Americans and children with Special needs, particularly those having Autism.

Corporal punishment is illegal in 30 U S states. School districts still holding on to this slave tactic are among the lowest functioning schools in the US (National Center for Education Statistics).

We are petitioning Supt. Robin Battershell and the entire Temple Independent School Board to rescind this newly reinstated policy sanctioning beating their school children. We want our TISD teachers to use non-violent methods that preserve the dignity and self-respect of our children. We want this practice BANNED IMMEDIATELY and replaced with proven positive discipline models befitting to 21st century America; models used by schools that respect **the children in their care such as BELTON ISD where beating their children is PROHIBITED.**

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