

STAY IN THE KNOW WITH
KCEN's iPhone App



SPONSORED BY:



Perfect Home
Everything for your home!

kcentv.com

KGEN HD

Home Local News Texas Today Weather Video Lifestyle Sports MyPix Marketplace Director's Chair Obituary KCEN

MEMBER CENTER: [Create Account](#) | [Log In](#)

Connect: [f](#) [t](#) [s](#) [e](#)

SITE SEARCH WEB SEARCH BY Google

WATCH AND WIN!
"WIN FREE ELECTRICITY FOR A YEAR!"
"SEE RULES & REGULATIONS"

POWERED BY
CHAMPION ENERGY SERVICES

Email Share | Print Text Size

Group seeks to hold state lawmakers accountable for public ed cuts

[Recommend](#) 39 people recommend this. Be the first of your friends.

Posted: Jul 11, 2011 7:33 PM CDT
Updated: Jul 11, 2011 11:37 PM CDT



KCEN HD

TEXAS 24/7

Carls Jr.
CHARBROILED BURGERS

Buy a \$50  for \$25

From the Lifestyle Channels



- What's cooking now?
- Today's Top Health Story
- Today's Top Money Story
- Top Entertainment News
- Watch these VideoBytes

The group behind a rally that drew hundreds to the Texas State Capitol in March is gearing up for a statewide conference Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16.

Leaders of the grassroots organization, Save Texas Schools are hoping to inform voters about the decisions made by lawmakers during the 82nd legislative session.

Organizers say they want to hold current legislators accountable for their voting record when it comes to budget cuts for public education.

"Every step of the way we've just been responding to what's been going on, but we realized that what happened in this session began in the election, and so what happens in the next session also begins in the election," advisory committee chair of Save Texas Schools, Allen Weeks said.

This weekend, Save Texas Schools is welcoming parents and teachers from across Texas to Austin for a conference to teach voters specific questions they should be asking their lawmakers.

"What do they mean by funding quality schools? Exactly what kind of support is going to drive us forward? Lawmakers are going to be facing an educated populous this time, and that's going to be the key. If they got the wrong answers people will look for candidates who have the right answers," Weeks said.

According to the events website, organizers say Texas needs pro-education candidates and a new wave of lawmakers in 2013.

Education policy analyst with the conservative leaning Texas Public Policy Foundation, James Golsan believes there are no anti-education lawmakers.

"It sounds like they're saying an anti-education lawmaker is a lawmaker who doesn't want to spend as much money as possible on Texas education, and I don't think those two things have to line up," Golsan said. "I think there are a lot of legislators who are very much about improving our schools in Texas who at the same time recognize that we might have a bit of a spending issue, and see that we can do things more efficiently."

Weeks says that Save Texas Schools is a non-partisan organization, and promises the presence of lawmakers

from both political parties at the conference.

"Even someone that says we need a conservative budget needs to say, 'Well how are we going to do that and have the quality education that our students need to succeed?'" Weeks said. "That's what didn't happen in this session. We didn't balance the issues."

For more information on the Save Texas Schools conference visit <http://savetxschools.org/2011/06/sts-conference/>.

Organizers say there will be additional conferences held this fall in other Texas cities, but the dates and times have not been announced.

CONLON TAX SERVICE
TAX PREPARATION - NOTARY SERVICE

CALL TODAY!

(254) 773-7817 TEMPLE
(254) 642-3170 ROGERS
(254) 753-0644 WACO

SE HABLA ESPANOL

Advertisement



Shocking discovery by Cambridge researchers for amazing joint relief...



Texas: Mom discovers \$9 car insurance trick. Auto insurers are scared you will learn this too.



Learn about new program credit card companies don't want you to know about will eliminate your debt.



Austin - New trick allows any Texas resident to get extremely cheap car insurance.



Time is running out to apply for Texas program to eliminate your Credit Card Debt.



Can't sleep? A new, all-natural supplement is helping people fall asleep faster and sleep all night.



All content © Copyright 2000 - 2011 WorldNow and KCEN, Owned and Operated by London Broadcasting Company. All Rights Reserved. For more information on this site, please read our [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#).