



TRTA District 18 Questionnaire for 2020 Candidates

District 18 TRTA (Texas Retired Teachers Association) is seeking candidate responses to various issues which the Texas Legislature will face soon. This information will keep our TRTA members informed and encourage them to vote in the 2020 election cycle. Please answer each question with one of the options provided.

Although our questions are designed to be short, quick, and easy to complete, we also welcome additional information and opinions. Therefore, we have included additional sections for you to list your qualifications and any other comments. Feel free to provide any additional statements that you feel would be of interest to our voting members. Thank You for your response!

1. Preserving the TRS Pension Fund

Would you vote to fund the increases in pension contributions in the SB-12 phase-in plan passed last session (86th Texas Legislature) to keep the pension system on the path to actuarial soundness?

Yes No Maybe

2. A Future Cost-of-Living Adjustment

Would you support a study of additional revenue sources capable of providing retirees a future cost-of-living adjustment (Example: Requiring all TRS participating employers to contribute equally to the system)?

Yes No Maybe

3. Defined Benefit Structure for TRS

Are you in favor of continuing the defined benefits structure for annuities for all retired, current, and future educators? (Defined Benefits based on a formula of years worked times Final Average Salary times a multiplier)

Yes No Maybe

4. A Stable Health Insurance Plan: TRS-Care

Would you support maintaining contributions for the TRS-Care health plan and also working toward creation of a long-term funding solution for TRS-Care?

Yes No Maybe

5. Sunset Review of TRS

What are your feelings about TRS as a state agency and how they have been conducting their business? (select all that apply):

TRS is doing a good job in all areas but there is room for improvement.

TRS policies & procedures need to focus on both active and retired members.

TRS has multiple areas of concern that require immediate attention.

Your Name: _____

Office you are running for: _____

Best Way to Contact You: _____

Please complete and return no later than September 20, 2020

Options for return:

- a) Download the file. Fill in responses, save document to a new file name, and email attachment to:
r_chandler@grandecom.net
- b) Print out pages, fill in responses, scan document and email attachment to: r_chandler@grandecom.net
- c) Print out your pages with responses and mail to: District 18 TRTA Legislative Chair
5205 Redbud Ave
Odessa, TX 79762

Information you have provided will be shared with our members prior to Early Voting. We appreciate your time, efforts, and interest in running for office to serve the people of the State of Texas. Thank you for your responses!

Qualifications to Share with our Members:

Additional Comments: