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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Reporting Errors in Textbooks

Announcement

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has created a program that will allow the public to report errors discovered in textbooks and other instructional materials used in Texas classrooms. This program, set to begin on September 29, 2008, will also provide the public with access to a list of all of the errors discovered.

Students, teachers, parents, and others concerned about the accuracy and quality of textbooks are encouraged to use the email address textbookerrors@tea.state.tx.us to report any errors in fact, misspellings, or other inaccuracies. The TEA will review all reported errors, and list those that are confirmed in the *Inventory of Known Textbook Errors* posted on the TEA website. For each confirmed error, the TEA will notify both the publisher and each district using the materials, as well as release an announcement via the recently established *Textbook Errors* mailing list. The TEA will also follow up to ensure that appropriate steps are taken to correct the errors.

The purpose of this program is to ensure that Texans who rely on textbooks to educate and to be educated have the benefit of error-free instructional materials. Posting the known errors to the website will support those who use textbooks by providing relevant and timely information about the reliability of those materials.

To learn more about this program, report an error, or sign up for the *Textbook Errors* mailing list, please visit <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/textbooks/textbookerrors.html>.

Sincerely,

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