



# JACK C. HAYS HIGH SCHOOL

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Greetings Region 3 coaches,

It has been my pleasure to serve as the TFA Region 3 Congress Committee Representative for the past three years, and I am asking for your support once again as I seek reelection.

I have coached at Jack C. Hays High School in Buda since 2013 and Lehman High School in Kyle for three years before that. During my career, I have helped promote Student Congress in Central Texas by lobbying UIL leaders to adopt Congress as a UIL event and mentoring new coaches in starting successful Congress programs. I also provide robust competition opportunities with feedback from skilled judges, hosting the Jack C. Hays TFA Classic and a UIL tournament featuring all speech and debate events, including Student Congress.

I believe the skills learned in Student Congress are foundational to success in speech and debate and persuasive writing; as such, Student Congress is the first event Debate I students learn their freshman year in our program. This scope and sequence have served our program well, building confidence in our freshmen and contributing many formidable competitors to the pool at each tournament our team attends. Hays is typically well represented in Student Congress at both the state and national levels. Since I began coaching at Hays, I have sent three students to compete in Student Congress at the NSDA National Tournament and have consistently had TFA State qualifiers in Student Congress.

As a Congress Committee Representative, my priority has been enhancing competition opportunities for our students at local tournaments, so they are competitive at the state and national levels. I have sought to achieve this goal by encouraging students to write and submit high-quality legislation addressing pertinent issues and championing such legislation for the TFA docket. In addition, I have prioritized training in parliamentary procedure among my upperclassmen, training them to be efficient, knowledgeable Presiding Officers in competition and fair, competent judges following graduation. Finally, I have promoted equity in Student Congress by developing relationships with coaches throughout our region and carefully addressing their concerns, irrespective of the size or reputation of their program.

I ask that you affirm my efforts to strengthen the Student Congress competition throughout our region by supporting my reelection.

Best,

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