

# The Texas Foreign Language Association

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*The Texas Foreign Language Association represents teachers of Languages Other Than English (LOTE) and currently has a membership of 2500 teachers. It publishes a journal which includes information about each legislative session.*

TO: Members of the Senate Education Committee

RE: **SB530 and its potential impact on middle school students in Texas**

DATE: March 15, 2007

**The Texas Foreign Language Association is very concerned about the unintended consequences of SB530, specifically the negative impact on other curricula, such as Languages Other Than English (LOTE) and Fine Arts, if physical education is required for all students every semester.**

**Lifestyle:** We are all concerned for the need for a healthy and well-balanced lifestyle. No one disputes the value of physical activity; however, we must remember that this well-balanced lifestyle includes developing a wide variety of interests and skills, such as exploring music, art, and languages other than English. In middle school, students find the broader range