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dent of the Association of Texas

Professional Educators. The first test is scheduled for Oc-tober. Officials already are predict-ing 25 percent of 11th graders will fail, the Austin American-Statesman said, includ dizziness, reported. Higher failure rates are expected for blacks and Hispanics, the newspaper said. Students who fail can take the test ttorney H

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The difficulty of the state's first basic skills test is not questioned. ntrol over "It's an easy test. I don't deny that," said Jon Brumley, chairman of ence of mi

the State Board of Education. "The statistics tell us 25 percent of the children are going to fail an easy test, but we have to start somewhere.

Grading standards will stiffen during the next two years, but Brumley said the state board felt compassion for the students taking the test first.

'To expect instant reform is not fair to children caught up in it. You've got to ask yourself, 'If half the children fail, is that the chil-dren's fault or the state's fault?'"

Field tests indicate 84 percent of white students, 48 percent of blacks, and 66 percent of Hispanics will pass are taking the tests. the math test in October. The lan-

guage arts portion is expected to be passed by 84 percent of whites, 55 percent of blacks, and 64 percent of Hispanics, according to projections.

Kirby predicts a significant turn-around in the failure rate by May because of remedial work by the schools.

Brumley said the pressure will be on the individual schools to raise

on the individual schools to raise their passing rates. "In a city like Fort Worth, people believe a public education is a public education. That's not true," said Brumley, a Fort Worth resident. "Some schools are better than others, and I think the schools, in effect,

Teachers and administrators also

must take a competency test, and that is being challenged in court. Some teachers see the test as an insult and an infringement on their

'I have trouble understanding it.

year gave teachers duty-free lunch and a 45-minute planning period in additi9n to last year's pay raises and career ladder bonuses.

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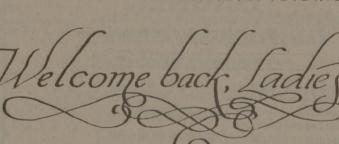
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lifetime teaching certificates. Kirby acknowledges that educator morale is at an all-time low, but said, He noted that the Legislature this

"Working conditions have im-proved," said Kirby, although the teacher test and a paperwork bur-den remain the top complaints of



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Parking

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People are parking in fire zones d handicapped spaces, but it is es-ntial that we keep these spaces en," Wiatt said. "And many of worsil e 100 vehicles are being taken

"It is essential that students stay ut of faculty lots. If they don't, they ill keep getting ticketed and towed

and that just makes things bad for everyone

Students legally can park in fac-ulty lots after 4 p.m. and before 6:30 a.m., he said. But many are parking there between 6:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. "Although no (cars parked in) stu-

dent lots are being ticketed this week, they will be ticketed next week," Wiatt said. "Tickets have

been falling like snowflakes in faculty lots this week though.'

empty because nobody wants to park there," Wiatt said. "They can take an air-conditioned shuttle bus from that lot to other campus locations.

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