Let's take a look at professional organizations
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**Advocacy**: the act or process of advocating or supporting a cause or proposal

**Learning community**: an ongoing process used to establish a school-wide culture that develops teacher leadership explicitly focused on building and sustaining school improvement efforts

**Networking**: the exchange of information or services among individuals, groups, or institutions
Professional: exhibiting a courteous, conscientious, and generally businesslike manner in the workplace

Professional Association: a non-profit organization seeking to further a particular profession, the interests of individuals engaged in that profession, and the public interest
REASONS TO JOIN A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

✓ Networking
✓ Professional Development
✓ Resources
✓ Knowledge
✓ Career Opportunities
NETWORKING

- Great support system
- Share ideas
- Get advice
- Mentors
- References
Access to free or reduced cost training/workshops/conferences/webinars

- Regular meetings
- Discussion groups
- Continuing education credits
RESOURCES

- Scholarly journals
- Magazines
- Webinars
- Podcasts
- Books
- Online training opportunities
Knowledge

- News
- Trends
- Advancements
- Changes
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Exclusive job listings
- Tips for resume / cover letter writing
- Interviewing help
EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Association of Texas Professional Educators
- Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association of Texas
- Career and Technical Association of Texas
- Texas Classroom Teachers Association
- National Association of Teacher Educators for Family and Consumer Sciences
- National Educators Association
HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Hospitality Educators Association of Texas
- Texas Restaurant Association
Human Services

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Cosmetology Instructors in Public Schools
- National Association of Social Workers
- Texas Industrial Vocational Association
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