



STOP
Rethink
Go for the Facts



MYTH: *The Indiana Legislature has rendered ISTA ineffective.*

- **TRUTH:** *In August, 2011 ISTA immediately challenged Dr. Tony Bennett's new teacher contract form.*
 - *The judge ruled that current teacher contract forms should be used because Bennett's form did not conform to Indiana code.*
 - *This effort by ISTA and its legal counsel (costing in excess of \$50,000) is worth the cost of your membership because no teacher in this state will now be forced to become an at-will employee and be required to work any and all hours their employer would request.*
- **TRUTH:** *ISTA has successfully represented several members in license revocation cases.*
 - *Without ISTA's efforts on their behalf, they were certain to lose or have their licenses suspended.*
 - *Some of these cases were brought against teachers who had no charges of any sort pending against them and who had been entirely cleared of any offense by law enforcement and Child Protective Services but were still being pursued by the IDOE for license revocation.*
- **TRUTH:** *Eric Hylton, ISTA legal counsel, has handled more than 35 child abuse allegation cases so far this year with tremendous success in getting an unsubstantiated ruling on virtually all of them.*
- **TRUTH:** *ISTA has several pending cases or Unfair Labor Practice claims that will try to establish the right of teachers to bargain the payment of wages for additional hours worked into their master contracts.*
 - *A Nettle Creek Fact Finding case is pending in a trial court and a Noblesville ULP is awaiting a hearing before the IEERB Board. Both could have significant impact on our members across the state.*