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TSTA on House Bill 3

Texas State Teachers Association President Noel Candelaria released the following statement today:

"We are still evaluating House Bill 3, the House leadership's school finance overhaul, which was released today. We understand there are some good things in the bill, including an overall increase in state education funding and more money for critical programs such as pre-kindergarten.

"HB3 also increases the basic funding allotment for every student and increases the minimum salary schedule. This will provide more classroom resources and may give some teachers a pay raise. But we need an across-the-board, permanent pay raise for every teacher guaranteed in the law and an increase in funding to also assure pay raises for all school employees."