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TSTA reaction to revenue estimate 2013

Texas State Teachers Association President Rita Haecker made the following statement today:

The comptroller's updated revenue estimate makes it clear that the Legislature has enough money to do the right thing for Texas school children – and for our state's future -- and restore the \$5.4 billion cut from public education last session. The improving economy gives Texas lawmakers an excellent opportunity to help our local schools reduce overcrowded class sizes and update instructional materials for a school population that is swelling by 80,000 students per year. It would be extremely short-sighted for state politicians to stick their heads in the sand and falsely plead "austerity" in order to pander to ideological extremists intent on privatizing public schools and sacrificing our future.