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## **TSTA: School lawsuit an indictment of Perry, legislative majority**

Texas State Teachers Association President Rita Haecker issued the following statement today on the filing of the school finance lawsuit:

“This lawsuit is another indictment of Gov. Perry and the legislative majority for failing to perform one of their most important constitutional duties, the adequate and equitable funding of our public schools. And, it comes as no surprise, following a state budget that slashes \$4 billion from state funding obligations to school districts plus another \$1.4 billion in important educational grants.

“The governor’s and the Legislature’s last response to a school finance court order was a profound failure. They made deep cuts in local school revenue in 2006 without providing sufficient and reliable state funding to compensate school districts and local taxpayers.

“The Texas State Teachers Association is confident our courts will be guided by the Texas Constitution, not by anti-government ideologues, and will order the governor and the Legislature to quit starving our children’s education and jeopardizing our state’s future.”