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TSTA: Abbott continues to tinker while education needs grow

While Texas continues to shortchange public education, Greg Abbott continues to tinker with selective programs that would benefit only a few of Texas' 5 million schoolchildren.

"Trying to get a great education in Greg Abbott's Texas will be like buying a lottery ticket. You win if you're one of the few who get pre-K or get placed in a special program," said Texas State Teachers Association President Rita Haecker.

"Providing a great education for a growing student population requires a real investment. Instead, Abbott continues to defend an indefensible school funding system, including \$5.4 billion in budget cuts imposed three years ago," Haecker added. "The bottom line is this: It doesn't cost to educate a child. It pays."

Texas ranks 46th in per pupil spending and is about \$2,600 per child below the national average.