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TSTA: Trump's proposed education cuts are shameful; Texas children could lose \$328 million

The Texas State Teachers Association today rebuked President Trump for proposing education budget cuts, including \$328 million impacting 68,000 Texas students, to help pay for his own misguided priorities.

"These proposed cuts, which would hurt some of Texas' most vulnerable children, are shameful," said TSTA President Noel Candelaria. "And they are made worse by the fact that the president would use this money that should be going into public school classrooms to help pay for a federal private school voucher program and his border wall."

"President Trump is either woefully ignorant about the needs of school children and their families or simply doesn't care. Either way, he is threatening to weaken a public education system that has built our state and nation and must be preserved for future greatness," Candelaria added.

Trump proposes the elimination of three formula-allocated state grant programs worth more than \$4.2 billion nationwide and \$328 million in Texas.

They are:

- The Supporting Effective Instruction program, which provides federal dollars to help states recruit, hire, and retain effective teachers, particularly in low-income schools. The funds have been used to help reduce class sizes, improve support systems for teachers, and improve professional development for educators who teach children with disabilities and English language learners. Texas would lose \$183.2 million.
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers, which provide extra student learning opportunities, such as before- and after-school programs and summer school programs. Texas would lose \$103.2 million.
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, which provide as much as \$4,000 per academic year to undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need. Texas would lose \$41.7 million.