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TSTA: Abbott hypocritical on early childhood education

Texas State Teachers Association President Rita Haecker said it was hypocritical for Greg Abbott to claim to support early childhood education while continuing to defend in court \$5.4 billion in school funding cuts, including almost \$200 million from pre-kindergarten programs.

“When it comes to providing educational opportunity for the children who need it most, Greg Abbott’s actions speak a lot louder than his words,” Haecker said. “If Greg Abbott really cared about improving early learning opportunities for Texas children, he would stop defending \$200 million cut from pre-kindergarten programs and stop promoting a budget plan that would shortchange public education.”

“Early learning opportunities are particularly crucial for children in the Rio Grande Valley, and hypocritical lip service adds up to nothing for them,” Haecker added. “The schools in the Valley have been neglected for too long by people like Greg Abbott, but we can change that this year. We need a governor like Wendy Davis, who fought the budget cuts and has a plan to ensure access to full-day pre-kindergarten for every eligible Texas child.”