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San Antonio legislators, educators to demand relief from school cuts

State Senator Leticia Van de Putte, State Representative Trey Martinez Fischer and Texas State Teachers Association President Rita Haecker will join educators from several San Antonio school districts to discuss the impact of budget cuts on San Antonio schools and demand that the state restore funding.

They will participate in a news conference at 9 a.m. this Wednesday (March 21) at the Country Inn & Suites by Carlson, 8505 Broadway, in San Antonio. The event will be in the Crockett & Travis Room.

According to the Texas Education Agency, about 25,000 public school employees, including almost 11,000 teachers, have lost their jobs since this time last year. An earlier estimate by a school finance expert had put total school job losses at 32,000, including 12,000 teachers. More are likely to be laid off if Governor Perry and the legislature don't act now to reverse about \$2.5 billion in cuts to public education budgets scheduled for the 2012-13 school year.

The Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) has collected thousands of petition signatures from around the state, demanding that Governor Perry call the legislature into special session to spend \$2.5 billion from the Rainy Day Fund to save teachers' jobs and protect our students' learning environments. TSTA also will participate with parents and other concerned education supporters in a Save Texas Schools rally at the Capitol in Austin on Saturday (March 24).