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TSTA: 49,000 Texas teachers could lose jobs under Trump plan

The Texas State Teachers Association expressed alarm over a new analysis showing that as many as 490,000 teachers in the United States, including as many as 49,000 in Texas, could lose their jobs under Donald Trump's plan to make major cuts in federal education spending. The study, conducted by the Center for American Progress Action Fund, concludes that more than 760,000 students in Texas alone could lose funding for critical education programs.

The study is based on Trump's vow to eliminate or drastically shrink the U.S. Department of Education and its programs for low-income, disabled and millions of other students, including financial assistance for college students.

"Trump once remarked that he loved the poorly educated," TSTA President Noel Candelaria said. "The sad reality is that we would have many more poorly educated people if he was elected president and Congress approved his plan to cripple important services that educate millions of children and young people."

"The potential consequences of Trump's so-called 'education plan' should be a much greater concern to voters than the swagger, divisiveness and name-calling that seem to dominate his campaign," Candelaria added.

"It is no coincidence that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick is Trump's campaign chair in Texas," Candelaria noted. "Both are bad news for school children and educators. Trump's plan could cost Texas schools \$5.7 billion a year, and as a state senator, Patrick voted in 2011 to cut \$5.4 billion from the Texas public education budget, cuts that have never been fully restored."

According to the study, about \$70 billion in federal education funds could be lost each year under a Trump presidency, including \$5.7 billion in Texas. Here are a few potential impacts on specific programs:

- Five million American children with disabilities could lose \$12.7 billion each year for special education programs. Texas children could lose \$1.1 billion of that in a state where special education has already been shortchanged.
- Some \$700 million used by states to help educate 5 million English language learners would be cut, including as much as \$108 million in Texas.

- Nine million low-income students throughout the country could lose \$15 billion of Title 1 funding each year.
- Eight million students a year throughout the U.S. would lose Pell grants for college.

For more details, click on this link:

<https://www.americanprogressaction.org/issues/education/news/2016/09/01/162258/trumps-plan-to-eliminate-the-department-of-education-is-yet-another-in-a-list-of-terrible-ideas/>