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TSTA statement on President Trump's voucher plan

Noel Candelaria, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, released the following statement:

"The Texas State Teachers Association and other pro-public education advocates have repeatedly defeated ill-advised voucher schemes in Texas because they would siphon valuable tax dollars from our already underfunded public schools to benefit only a handful of students attending private or religious schools. Now, President Trump is proposing the same bad idea on a national scale.

"The vast majority of students in Texas and throughout the United States will continue to be educated in public schools, and this is where our tax dollars should be allocated, as most Texas voters agree. The last time TSTA conducted a bipartisan poll on this issue, in 2017, 55 percent of respondents said vouchers were a bad idea."