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TSTA applauds Straus for ordering study of Harvey impact on public education

The Texas State Teachers Association today commended Speaker Joe Straus for ordering a legislative study of the impact of Hurricane Harvey on Texas public schools and students.

“Obviously, the state must take an active role in helping school districts recover from their enormous physical losses, but equally important is the speaker’s directive to assess and address the impact Harvey will have on learning opportunities for students and teachers whose lives and classroom lessons were disrupted by Harvey,” said Texas State Teachers Association President Noel Candelaria.

“We commend Speaker Straus for directing the House Public Education Committee to study the financial losses to schools, as well as the consequences on students and districts of an accountability system that, even under normal circumstances, is more punitive than instructive,” he added. “We don’t have a headcount, but thousands of displaced students and educators will be studying and teaching in unfamiliar schools and cities for months to come.”