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Texas State Teachers Association President Noel Candelaria issued the following statement in response to Governor Abbott's State of the State address:

"We look forward to working with the Governor and legislators to provide full day pre-K and additional early childhood education opportunities that are critical to success in the classroom, in college and in the working world. However, expanding educational opportunity requires a genuine commitment of resources, from pre-K through college, and we are concerned that Governor Abbott called for an end to school finance litigation without addressing today's inadequate and inequitable school finance system. The Governor gave a specific dollar figure for roads and for tax cuts, but, unfortunately, our children's educational needs did not warrant that level of commitment."