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TSTA: New budget improves education funding, but not enough

Texas State Teachers Association President Noel Candelaria released the following statement today on House and Senate approval of the HB1 conference report, the new state budget:

“We were encouraged earlier this year when the House attempted to provide an additional \$3 billion for our public schools, but we are disappointed that the final House-Senate conference committee budget provides only a \$1.5 billion increase, a woefully inadequate amount that may not even keep up with inflation.

“Unfortunately, at a time when the state has enough funding available to fully restore education cuts, this budget puts a higher priority on billions in business tax cuts than it puts on our students and our economic future.”