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**TSTA: House budget a “slap” at Texas children**

Texas State Teachers Association President Rita Haecker today said the Texas House’s approval of House Bill 1 was a “slap across the face” of Texas school children.

“Our children deserve much better than an indefensible budget plan that would slash almost $8 billion from the public schools and billions of additional dollars from other critical state services, such as health care, important to our kids and their families,” Haecker said.

“This isn’t a realistic state budget. It is an exercise in political expediency that ignores the basic needs of a growing state,” she added.