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TSTA: Students can't do more with less

Texas State Teachers Association President Rita Haecker issued the following statement today:

“Those who are closest to the classroom – our teachers and parents – have a much better understanding of what’s going on in our children’s classrooms than self-styled “experts” who have no experience in our children’s schools.

“We cannot ask our children to pass a more rigorous standard of education unless the state provides the resources they need to achieve and succeed.

“Many of these same “experts” who now are demanding that additional state education funding be held hostage to an unpopular, unproven, high-stakes test stood by last year as the governor and the legislative majority slashed \$5.4 billion from public education budgets. As a result, almost 11,000 Texas teachers have lost jobs, and more than 8,400 overcrowded elementary classrooms exceeded the state capacity limit during the last school year.

“You can’t do less for our schools and expect our children to do more.”