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TSTA: State education board charter decision inflicts more damage on public schools

Texas State Teachers Association President Ovidia Molina released the following statement:

The State Board of Education dealt a blow to Texas school children and taxpayers with its approval of five new unneeded charter school applications that we can ill-afford, particularly during a pandemic-driven financial crisis. There were no groundswells of local community support for these schools. The only noticeable support came from the charter applicants and operators eager to continue poaching students and tax dollars from the state and under-funded school districts.

The board had the power to veto eight charter applications recommended by the education commissioner but vetoed only three.

Charter schools do not perform any better than traditional public schools, and some perform much worse. Yet, encouraged by the education commissioner and the state board, charter mania will continue to inflict severe financial damage to Texas public schools, creating a dual education system that Texas doesn't need and taxpayers can't afford.

Charters already take \$3 billion a year from the public schools, where the vast majority of Texas school children are educated, and much of this money is flowing to out-of-state charter operators.