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TSTA: \$18 billion for tax relief, but not an additional penny for public education

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

School districts are digging into their savings accounts and passing deficit budgets to give teachers and other employees much needed pay raises because the legislative majority so far has refused to spend any of a record \$33 billion budget surplus to increase public school funding.

Now, the legislative leadership announces an \$18 billion package of tax cuts with not an additional penny for the needs of educators and their students.

We demand that state leaders also fulfill their constitutional duty and increase funding for public education, beginning with significant pay raises for all school employees in every school district.