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As long as the governor continues to bully lawmakers to pass vouchers, TSTA will fight back

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

We are angry that Gov. Abbott has called another special session and continues to bully House members to cave to his demands for taxpayer-funded private school vouchers. Abbott continues to pander to wealthy political contributors and school privatization groups, while voucher opponents in the Legislature are trying to protect their neighborhood public schools.

Although the governor has added public school funding and teacher pay to the next session's agenda, we know his top priority remains the creation of a voucher program that would soon divert billions of dollars from under-funded school districts to subsidize private school tuition for well-to-do families and enrich owners of unregulated private schools.

As long as the governor keeps wasting millions of tax dollars on voucher special sessions, TSTA and our allies continue fighting back because vouchers would be even more wasteful. Texas taxpayers and their public schools can't afford them. We will oppose any bill in the new session that includes a voucher program.