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Constitutional Does Not Mean Our Public School Finance System Is Not Problematic

We clearly are disappointed with the Supreme Court's decision against the schools in the Texas Taxpayers & Student Fairness Coalition case. We have steadfastly believed, and continue to do so, the record was strong enough to justify a ruling for the children and taxpayers. But, the Court has spoken, and it is the court of last resort, other opinions and conclusions notwithstanding.

Constitutional, however, does not mean the system is not problematic--as the Court itself wrote in its opinion and both concurring opinions. In Justice Guzman's words on [page 11 of her concurring opinion](#),

"Constitutionality is a minimum standard-a guarantee-not a cap on our expectations or our potential."

This process has not been in vain. An exceptional record that clearly documents the inefficiencies and inadequacies of the current system has not been erased. The truth is there for all to see.

Our school finance system is undeniably broken, and fails to serve the needs of Texas children. Whether judged constitutional by this Court or not, the system must be changed.

The future of Texas public education now rests in the hands of the Texas Legislature. It is our greatest hope that they will accept the responsibility to do what the Court has not--stand up for all Texas children and taxpayers.

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the state ranging in size, demographics, and location. We are the only entity focused solely on advocating for the fair and equitable treatment of Texas taxpayers and children.

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