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## 180 Governor setting right tone for statewide education reform

AUSTIN – As lawmakers take on the contentious issue of public school finance, the governor is setting the right tone by demanding a higher level of accountability for performance in the classrooms and on the balance sheets.

Texas taxpayers should not be asked to bear any further burden; the public education system is more than adequately funded. From the perspective of the state tax dollar, the system needs to be

focused exclusively around classroom education, not administrative programs and extracurricular projects.

The governor was absolutely correct today when he said, "We did not tax and spend our way to a revenue surplus, and we need not tax and spend our way to future shortfalls."

Listening to the voices calling for more revenue sources is as outdated thinking as using the horse-and-buggy is for transportation, and just as smelly.

### Guest Column

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