



More money isn't the answer

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I cannot allow the letter from Dr. Jerry R. Thomas (*DRC*, Feb. 3) to go without a truthful rebuttal. Dr. Thomas advocates the Texas Legislature budget more funds for education in Texas comparing spending in other states. This is the misguided Wendy Davis Democrat progressive false argument that if you throw more money at education, it will get better.

Well, history has proven this is not true and the CATO Institute has documented facts, not progressive fiction. Texas taxpayers pay much more than falsely reported by Dr. Thomas when you add in "bond issues," which are not included in the cost per student figures. Also, quality private schools do operate at an average of 10 percent less than public schools and get better outcomes in test results.

The problem is improving the curriculum basics (reading, writing and arithmetic), removing politically correct induced subjects, defeating Common Core and improving teacher performance and evaluation yearly. Defeating Robin Hood would also help.