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BUDGET

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When asked to defend a massive spending agenda, President Biden said:

“What would they have me cut? What would they have me leave out?”

We are glad you asked, Mr. President.

Flock of Spending

The McAllen Independent School District Board of Trustees approved \$4 million in federal COVID-19 funding to expand [a nature park and bird sanctuary owned by the city](#) – with construction to be done by December 2024:

“The funding is happening through the use of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief, or ESSER funds, which are federal dollars meant to address students getting back to school safely amid the pandemic.”

Yea, you read that right. Children will get back to school safely by learning more about birds and nature... **nearly 3 years from now.**

Naturally, this ruffled a few feathers:

“One McAllen ISD parent... was concerned how money from this move would utilize federal funding meant to address the impact of the pandemic on students. ‘I’m having difficulty understanding the partnership between the school, our kids, and the park’...”

Based on our eagle-eyed observations, the “partnership” appears to consist of \$4 million and a board of trustees who have taken to spending federal tax dollars like a duck to water.

Stay tuned for more.

Source: [McAllen ISD approves agreement that would pave way for \\$4 million expansion of nature park, KRGV 5 News](#), September 14, 2021