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Amanda Goepfinger, a junior horticulture major, works on a crop on West Campus as part of her higher-level horticulture class Tuesday.

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Mauro outlines plan to reduce class size

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro touted Tuesday his "zero-tolerance" policy for capping class sizes, including a proposal to build \$2 billion worth of new schools. Mauro wants to borrow the money to build new schools from the Permanent School Fund, the state's trust fund for public schools.

The proposal would require a constitutional amendment, which voters would have to approve. Mauro said the money would be paid back over a 30-year period with interest and there would be no decrease in the \$16.3 billion Permanent School Fund or in the Available School Fund, the money distributed to schools.

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