

## INITIATIVES

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- increases in the Basic Allotment, and
  - increases in program allocation/weights to provide adequate funding for economically disadvantaged, G/T, CATE, Limited English Proficient, Bilingual and special needs students;
- ⇒ A constitutional amendment to adjust and “re-freeze” taxes for senior citizens (over 65), so that they also receive a comparable rate of property tax relief;
- ⇒ Adequate funding that ensures meaningful discretion for school district access, each biennium, to three additional M&O pennies from the 13 cents currently available through voter approval;
- ⇒ A local homestead exemption without penalization;

### INSTRUCTION

- ⇒ Full state funding for textbooks and continuation of the current state-level review and adoption process;
- ⇒ An allocation system adjusted to provide a sufficient number of textbooks for students in fast-growth districts;
- ⇒ Field test items that are integrated within state assessments eliminating separate and additional field test administration to solely validate future test items;
- ⇒ An increase of the state’s high school allotment to \$500/student—the original legislative request;
- ⇒ Local school districts to determine the most instructionally sound school calendar based on the needs of students, parents and community members;
- ⇒ The prohibition of public funds for voucher programs; and

### GOVERNANCE

- ⇒ Local control of school districts by duly-elected school boards.

## CFISD supports Gov. Perry’s tax relief legislation for senior citizens

On Jan. 12, Gov. Rick Perry declared legislation authorizing property tax relief for senior citizens as an emergency item for the 2007 legislative session. This emergency designation allows lawmakers to consider the property tax relief for seniors in the initial 30 days of the legislative session.

According to Perry, he would like to see a constitutional amendment on the May ballot so that seniors get the maximum amount of tax relief on this year’s tax bill just like all other homeowners.

Currently, senior citizens have their tax rates frozen which prevents them from receiving a comparable rate of property tax relief.

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