



# 87<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION



## CFISD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### School Finance

- Maintain the level of funding provided by HB3 and prioritize the maintenance of a stable predictable funding formula by:
  - Identifying additional state revenue sources and dedicate those sources solely to funding public education.
  - Increasing the Basic Allotment each biennium to parallel increased inflationary costs.
  - Increasing funding for all other special education instructional arrangements.
  - Funding local cost of state mandated programs.
- Provide greater funding for facilities and eliminate the equalization components of each program.
- Provide funding to bridge digital divide among K-12 students.
- Provide funding for reductions in state funding, unreimbursed expenditures and the academic needs of students due to COVID-19.
- Remove the penalty for a Local Optional Homestead Exemption (OHE) in the Comptroller's property value assignment.
- Level the playing field with charter schools by eliminating the small and mid-sized allotment that is not provided on the same basis to public school districts.
- Increase the State's contribution towards health insurance.

### Assessment and Accountability

- Waive the accountability A-F rating system for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Extend the deadline for completion of the Teacher Literacy Achievement Academy for campus principals and kindergarten through third teachers from the 2021-2022 school year to the 2023-2024 school year.
- Eliminate the letter grade rating system and restore the Exemplary, Recognized, Acceptable and Unacceptable rating system.
- Remove the expiration date of the Individual Graduation Committees

### School Choice

- Oppose legislation that diverts funding from public schools to private schools.
- Support school choice that ensures uniform standards and requirements for all school systems receiving state funds.
- Oppose the expansion of charters into high performing districts.

### Transparency

- Maintain the present level of reporting requirements.
- Expect transparency and reporting requirements to be applied equally to public schools, and others who receive state education funding.

### Safety and Security Measures

- Provide adequate funding for effective implementation of health and safety measures, including mental health interventions.
- Maintain local control over the implementation of safety and security measures.

### Local Control

- Support local control on school start date without the use of District of Innovation.
- Enlist community input and State Board of Education approval before the TEA Commissioner can approve new charter schools or expand existing charter schools.

### Transportation

- Increase the percentage of reimbursement for transportation costs.
- Exempt school districts from paying toll fees.

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