



PRIORITIES FOR THE

88TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

★ **Prioritizing the success of our students & the strength of our community**

🏠 **INVEST: School Finance**

- Increase the Basic Allotment.
- Add an inflationary index to the Basic Allotment for each biennium to parallel increased inflationary costs.
- Increase state reimbursement for special education services to cover actual district costs.
- Provide state-based funding for state-required mandates.
- Remove statutory caps that reduce specific program allotments included in House Bill 3 (86th Legislative Session).
- Increase the instructional materials allotment to ensure digital access to all instructional materials.
- Modify the adjustment in the Comptroller's property value assignment for the Local Optional Homestead Exemption (OHE) to incentivize districts to provide additional tax relief.

CFISD AT A GLANCE:

- 118,155 students enrolled
- 3rd-largest district in Texas
- 93 district campuses
- Largest "A" rated district in Texas
- Largest employer in Cy-Fair
- 60% economically disadvantaged
- 13,788 special education students
- 22,147 ESL/bilingual learners
- 100 languages & dialects spoken



🏠 **PROTECT: Safety and Mental Health**

- Provide reimbursement for safety expenditures, including facility upgrades, additional staff positions, and programs required by TEA.
- Increase the school safety allotment to adequately fund safety programs, support law enforcement resources, and address the mental health needs of students.
- Ensure local control over the implementation of safety and security measures.

🏠 **MEASURE: Accountability and Student Success**

- Eliminate high-stakes testing that is not federally required.
- Provide a permanent state funding source for all required accelerated instruction (HB 4545).
- Provide high-performing districts with local flexibility in all instructional planning and accelerated instruction for students who fail any state assessment.
- Support a Hold-Harmless provision for accountability A-F rating system for the 2022-2023 school year due to significant changes in the STAAR design and to the state accountability system.
- Reform the state accountability system to better measure a school's and district's success.

🏠 **SUSTAIN: Public Education Sustainability**

- Require local school board input before the Texas Education Agency/State Board of Education approves charter school applications and expansions.
- Grant the elected State Board of Education authority to approve/deny charter school expansions.
- Allow public funds to serve only school districts that serve all students and are governed by a community-elected Board of Trustees.
- Oppose legislation that diverts funding from public schools to private schools or home schools.
- Support school choice that ensures uniform academic and financial accountability and transparency standards for all school systems receiving state funds.
- Increase public oversight to ensure TEA's rulemaking aligns with legislative intent.



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The legislative priorities were researched and developed by the CFISD Community Leadership Committee (CLC) and adopted by the CFISD Board of Trustees. CLC is a volunteer organization made up of businesspeople, parents, clergy and retirees working together to support CFISD, our local school district.