

Community Leadership Committee

83rd Legislative Session Priorities



Adopt a school finance system that is adequately funded to meet the legislature's college and career readiness academic standards, reflects current costs of education and is equitable to all school districts.

- Design a funding system that meets the mission and policy statements currently contained in statute. Restore the \$5.3 billion cut.
- Narrow or eliminate the funding gap between school districts.
- Utilize a portion of the Rainy Day Fund as needed to balance the state budget.
- Oppose legislation that diverts funding from public education, such as voucher programs, and support policies that allow districts to improve and expand public school choice programs already in existence.



Restructure the public school accountability system.

- Reduce the amount of high-stakes testing.
- Eliminate the requirement that an end-of-course exam count as 15 percent of a student's final course grade and eliminate the cumulative score requirement.
- Include a variety of measures that address the whole student.
- Eliminate the evaluation of districts and campuses based on a single lowest indicator.



Allow districts the flexibility to manage classroom personnel based on individual school and student needs within the context of state budget cuts and state accountability.

- Eliminate the requirement that remediation provided to students who fail state assessments be delivered in a setting that requires a 10:1 student-to-teacher ratio.
- Repeal Chapter 42 spending requirements for special programs.



Allow additional local control and flexibility to districts, enabling them to operate more efficiently and eliminate unfunded mandates.

- Redefine seat time requirements for funding and course credits to enable districts to have the resources to develop online instructional programs.
- Eliminate standard school start date.
- Eliminate the additional school district costs associated with joint elections.
- Require the identification of a district fiscal note for any proposed legislation.