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

## **CFISD DISTRICT BREAKDOWN**

- 115,070 students enrolled
- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest district in Texas
- 92 district campuses
- Largest employer in Cy-Fair
- 55% economically disadvantaged
- 16,128 ESL/bilingual learners
- 100 languages & dialects spoken
- 11,784 special education students



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## **Provide COVID-19 “Hold Harmless”**

- Fund reductions in state funding due to COVID-19 and unreimbursed COVID-19 expenditures.
- Waive accountability requirements for the 2020-21 academic school year.



## **Establish Adequate and Equitable Funding**

- Maintain the level of funding provided by HB 3 for all mandated programs and safety enhancements required by HB 3 and similar legislation.
- Increase the state funding formula to 50 state/50 local.
- Adjust the basic allotment to parallel increased inflationary costs.
- Oppose diverting funds to private and charter schools through vouchers, savings accounts, scholarships, credits, etc. or other non-education expenses.



## **Prepare Students for Success**

- Maintain funding provided by HB 3 to fully cover costs of full-day Pre-K, Career/Technical Education (including 7th and 8th grade CTE), and mainstream Special Education.
- Increase funding for all other special education instructional arrangements.
- Eliminate testing that is not federally required.
- Replace STAAR with meaningful, nationally normed student assessments that gauge student learning without high stakes for students.
- Remove the expiration date for the Individual Graduation Committees.
- Eliminate the letter grade rating system and restore the *Exemplary, Recognized, and Unacceptable* rating system.



## **Ensure School Effectiveness**

- Ensure that all schools receiving public funds are held to equivalent accountability, transparency, governance, and safety standards.
- Fund and support adequate compensation, retirement, and benefits to attract and retain quality teachers.
- Support and fund efforts to train and recruit a more diverse educator pool that reflects the demographics of Texas.
- Increase funding for improving the safety and security of students and staff, including mental health support.



## **Increase Local Control**

- Enlist local community input and State Board of Education approval before the TEA Commissioner can approve new charter schools or expand existing charter schools.
- Protect the ability of school districts to support pro-education organizations that educate legislators and the public at-large.
- Increase the state contribution towards health insurance while also allowing local school districts with TRS ActiveCare to search for better health insurance options.

*The legislative priorities included in this pamphlet 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.*