



84th Legislative Session Priorities

1 SCHOOL FINANCE

Adopt a school finance system that is adequately funded that: meets the State's college and career readiness academic standards, reflects current costs of education, is equitable to all school districts, addresses the challenges of fast-growth districts, and is designed to meet the mission and policy statements currently contained in statute.

Support an increase in the funding formula for the Existing Debt Allotment, which has not increased since it was established in the late 1990s, providing local tax relief.

Support legislation that would reinstate funding for the New Instructional Facilities Allotment to provide fast-growth school districts with more funding to open new schools.

Support the need for adequate funding associated with the implementation of House Bill 5 curriculum.

Support full state funding for full-day Pre-K programs for all four-year-old students eligible under TEC 29.153.

2 SCHOOL CHOICE

Support school choice available within the current system. Increase accountability and transparency required of schools not governed by locally elected trustees, including charter and contract schools/services.

Oppose legislation that diverts funding from public education.

3 TRANSPARENCY

Support the existing transparency laws—including clear and concise ballot language—and the general public's right to meaningful financial transparency.

Oppose legislation that requires districts to provide either duplicative, unneeded or comparative data or information to taxpayers.

Oppose measures calling for major expansions in ballot language.

4 ACCOUNTABILITY AND ASSESSMENT

Restore a positive focus on student learning by mitigating overreliance on state assessments and by promoting students' access to higher education.

Utilize district and campus ratings *Exemplary*, *Recognized*, *Acceptable* and *Unacceptable* in lieu of letter grades.

Reduce tests to be included in the state accountability system. *Utilize other assessment instruments in grades 4, 6 and 8 to satisfy federal requirements.*

Require alignment of higher education admission requirements to the high school graduation requirements established by HB 5.