

90TH SESSION

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Texas schools are burdened by state-mandated programs, reporting requirements, and compliance rules that consume millions in local tax dollars with no measureable benefit to student learning.

1 ELIMINATE STATE CREATED BUREACURACY THAT WASTES TAXPAYER MONEY

- **Eliminate unfunded mandates**

Require full state funding before any new mandate takes effect

- **Eliminate no-impact programs**

End state-mandated programs with no demonstrated link to student learning

- **Eliminate redudant reporting requirements**

Repeal duplicative state data-reporting requirements that consume administrator and staff time without improving student outcomes

- **Require cost-benefit analysis for rulemaking**

Require a cost-benefit analysis for any TEA rule that imposes new costs on districts

- **Reduce compliance costs**

Reform procurement and compliance rules to reduce paperwork and legal review

- **Restore local decision-making**

Return authority over staffing, curriculum, and operations to local communities through their elected school boards

2 INVEST IN TEACHERS & STAFF

- Sustain and increase teacher pay raises
- Provide pay raises for support staff
- Support structures that reward retention and recognize years of service.

3 INVEST IN STUDENTS

- Increase funding for special education services to reflect the actual cost of providing those services
- Provide dedicated, recurring appropriations, not one-time grants.
- Fully fund required armed security and campus safety officer roles without shifting costs to local taxpayers.

4 LIMIT TEA AUTHORITY

- Reduce the size of TEA
- Reduce TEA's authority to issue rules without legislative approval
- Require legislative approval for any rule that requires local district expenditures
- Create a sunset process for agency rules where rules that cannot be adequately justified are automatically repealed