Key Common Priorities

Public School Finance & Inflation Relief

- Increase to Basic Allotment: Unified demand to raise the per-student basic allotment to address years of inflation and rising operational costs (energy, property/casualty insurance, utilities).
- Enrollment vs. Attendance Funding: Shift state funding calculations from Average Daily Attendance (ADA) to Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) to provide predictable funding models unaffected by short-term student absences.
- Unfunded Mandates & Local Discretion: Opposition to state-mandated programs without dedicated state funding streams, along with increased local budget flexibility

Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Healthcare

- TRS & Healthcare Costs: Increased state funding to lower healthcare premiums and out-of-pocket costs for active educators (TRS-ActiveCare) and retirees (TRS-Care)
- Teacher Compensation & Pipelines: Expanding teacher pay scale incentives, expanding retention allotments, and providing dedicated planning time/workload relief to combat educator shortages.

Local Control & Governance

- School Board & Administrative Autonomy: Protection of local governance authority, including preserving Districts of Innovation (DOI) status, local curriculum decision-making (e.g., maintaining Open Education Resource/OER materials as optional), and opposing restrictions on school districts' advocacy or representation before state agencies.

Accountability System & Assessment Reform

- A-F Rating Reform: Comprehensive overhaul of the A-F accountability system to rely less on high-stakes standardized testing (STAAR) and more on holistic student progress, local accountability measures, and growth metrics.
- Local Flexibility: Opposition to punitive state takeover measures driven strictly by single-test performance indicators

Student Well-Being, Safety, & Parent Engagement

- School Safety Allotments: Increased state funding for mandatory school safety measures (such as armed security officers and building hardening) without placing unfunded burdens on local taxpayers.
- Family & Mental Health Support: Supported strongly by Texas PTA, expanding access to mental health resources, student wellness programs, and meaningful parent-school partnerships.

Facilities & Specialized Allotments

- Facilities Funding: Increased state aid through the Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA), Existing Debt Allotment (EDA), and new Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA)
- Fast-Growth & Special Education Support: Specifically emphasized by the Fast Grown School Coalition, eliminating arbitrary statutory caps on the Fast Growth Allotment and fully funding Special Education IDEA requirements to match real student needs.

Opposition to Vouchers & Education Savings Accounts (ESAs)

- Protecting Public Tax Dollars: Universal opposition to expanding or implementing Education Savings Accounts (ESAs), tax-credit scholarships, or school vouchers that divert public dollars to private entities, homeschools, or non-public schools without statutory financial and academic accountability.