

SUPERINTENDENTS' LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

On October 13, 2020, nearly 50 superintendents from across Texas met during Huckabee's Legislative Summit to prioritize educational issues for special focus during the 87th Legislative Session. After hearing from Rep. Dan Huberty, Sen. Beverly Powell, and Buddy Jones of HillCo Partners and after two rounds of voting, the following rose to the top as key priorities of focus.

STRENGTHEN LOCAL CONTROL AND FLEXIBILITY

- Preserve checks and balances on state agency oversight to ensure local school districts can best respond to local needs
- Maintain the ability of school districts, trustees, administrators and organizations to advocate on behalf of public education

SUPPORT TEXAS SCHOOL PANDEMIC RELIEF AND RECOVERY NEEDS

- Hold schools harmless for funding losses caused by enrollment and attendance decline due to COVID-19
- Protect district funding by directing federal relief to Texas schools and preventing district fund balances from being used to balance the state budget
- Seek temporary waivers from the U.S. Department of Education regarding punitive elements of the accountability system

IMPROVE CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY AND EFFICIENCY

- Enhance transparency, posting/notification, local accountability, special education and nepotism laws for charter operators and schools
- Advocate for legislation that moves decision-making for charter school expansion from the state agency to the State Board of Education (SBOE)

RESTORE SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORITY OF ELECTION ORDER CONTENT

- Amend the required ballot language for school district bond elections that misleads Texas voters