



# The Senate of Texas

**CÉSAR J. BLANCO**

TEXAS SENATOR  
DISTRICT 29

February 21, 2025

Dear Ms. Chavez,

Thank you for contacting my office to express your support for public school funding in Texas. I appreciate you writing to me to voice your opinion on such an important matter.

For years, our public schools and teachers have been asked to do more with less while consistently ranking near the bottom for per-student funding and teacher pay. According to the National Education Association, Texas ranks 26th in teacher pay, paying nearly \$7,500 below the national average. Meanwhile, Texas ranks 40th in per-student spending.

In the last legislative session, multiple efforts to increase teacher salaries were introduced, including SB 2 from the 3rd and 4th, called Special Sessions, which would have provided a much-needed increase of \$10,000 in teacher salaries for rural teachers and \$3,000 for urban teachers. However, due to a misalignment in the approach between the Senate and House, neither of the bills was passed given a committee hearing in the House and thus did not pass into law. While I voted for these bills, as I believed they were a step in the right direction, I will continue fighting for more per-pupil funding, bilingual education funding, and equality for rural and small and midsize districts, especially reforming appraisal estimates that shortchange our districts. We must also continue raising teacher pay to better attract and retain qualified and professional teachers.

Again, thank you for reaching out to my office. I look forward to working with the constituents of District 29 to make sure legislation reflects the needs of our entire community. If you have any further questions, or if I can be of assistance in the future, please feel free to contact my office at (915) 577-0029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cesar J. Blanco".

César J. Blanco  
Texas State Senator  
District 29