

Legislative Update: Empowering Our Community

An overview of our district's legislative efforts,
progress, and ways for our community to get involved.



Latest Legislative Events



Legislative Watch Team

A group of teachers, administrators, community members, and city leaders are learning about the advocacy process and how to watch bills move towards the Governors office.



TASA | TASB Legislative Conference

An opportunity to communicate local district needs and priorities to legislators, as well as get involved in the legislative process.



PTA Rally Day

Advocacy is at the heart of the PTA's mission and Rally Day gives families, students, teachers, and schools an opportunity to engage in legislative advocacy.



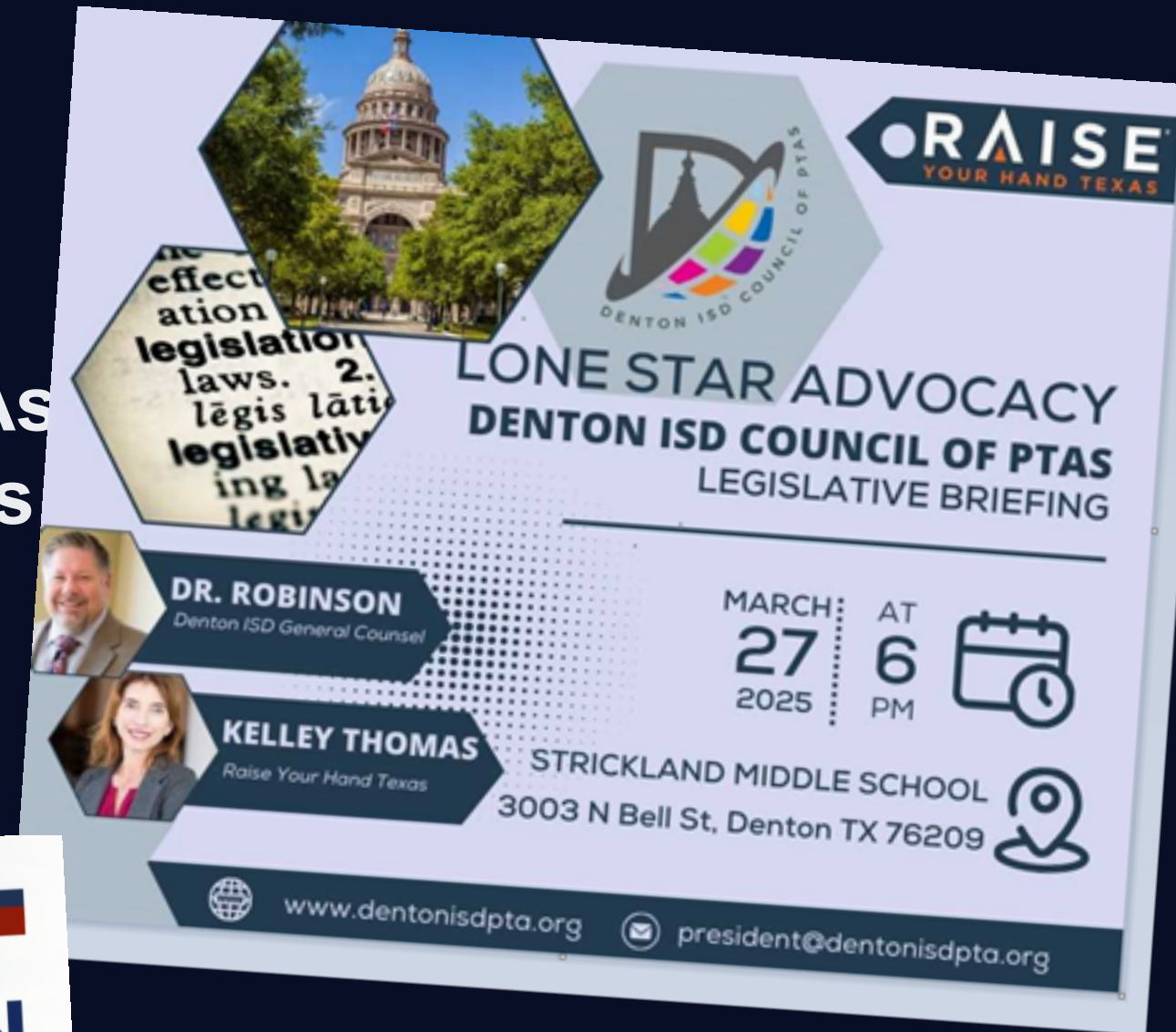
Upcoming Initiatives

March 27 @
6:00pm

**Lone Star Advocacy with
Denton ISD Council of PTAs
and Raise Your Hand Texas**

April 2-3

Denton County Days



Public Education Committees

Senate

Chair: Brandon Creighton
Vice-Chair: Donna Campbell
Paul Bettencourt
Brent Hagenbuch
Adam Hinojosa
Phil King
Jose Menendez
Mayes Middleton
Tan Parker
Angela Paxton
Royce West

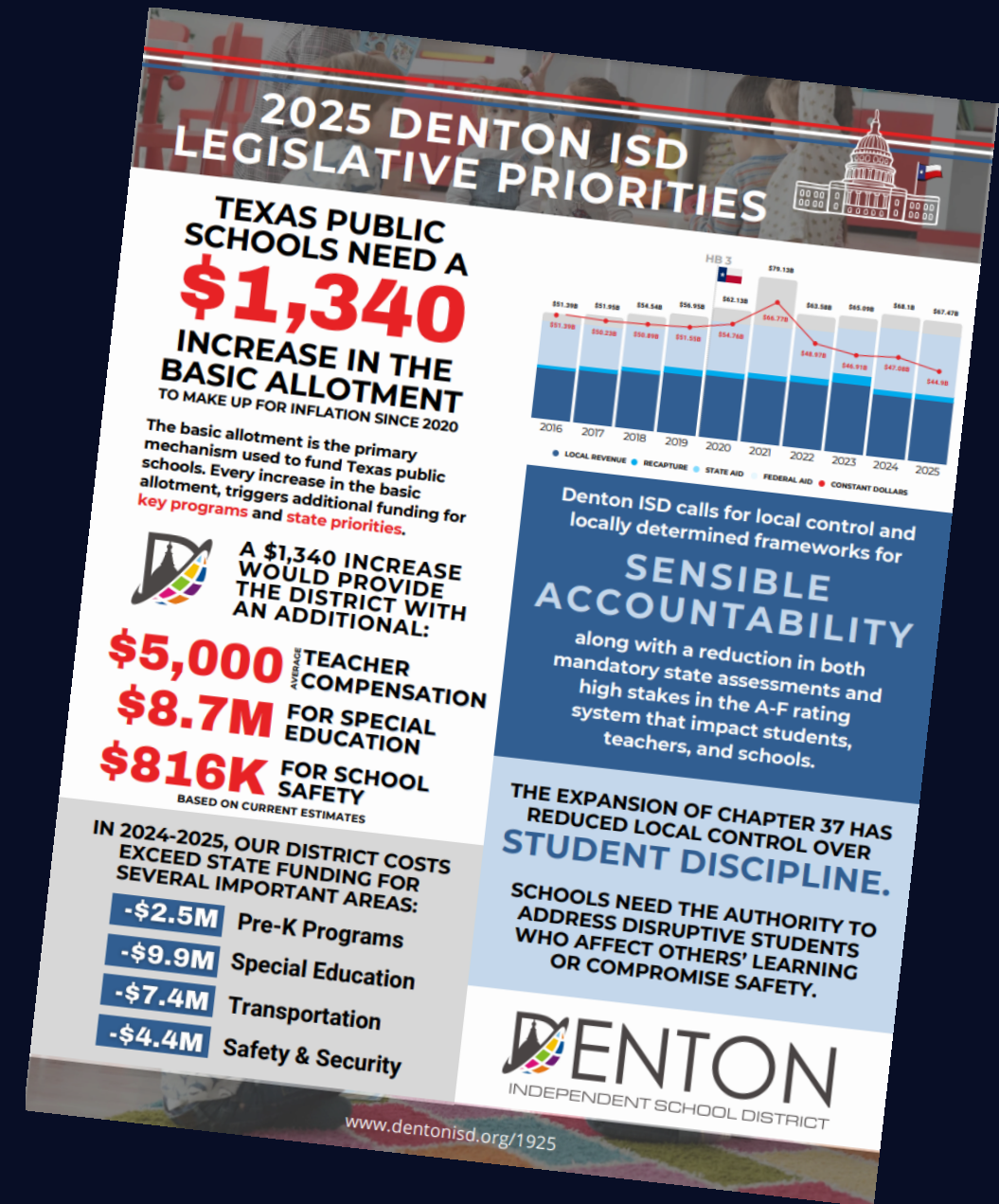
House

Chair: Brad Buckley
Vice-Chair: Diego Bernal
Alma Allen
Trent Ashby
John Bryant
Charles Cunningham
Harold V. Dutton, Jr.
Fames Frank
Gina Hinojosa
Todd Hunter
Helen Kerwin
Jeff Leach
Terri Leo Wilson
Alan Schoolcraft
James Talarico

Advocacy Toolkit:

How to Support Public Education

- 1 Learn the Facts**
Learn the basics of school funding, accountability, etc.
- 2 Contact Legislators**
Share personal stories and perspectives.
- 3 Spread Awareness**
Share information and resources with your sphere of influence.



How We Got Here

Since the beginning of the 23-24 School Year:

- \$6,592,071 School Health and Related Services (SHARS) loss of funding
- \$7,438,226 Transportation funding gap
- \$4,440,228 Safety and Security requirements annual funding gap from House Bill 3 (88th Regular Session)
- \$256,338 Denton County Appraisal District cost increase
- \$2,529,103 (and climbing) Utilities cost increase
- \$1,545,452 Property Casualty Insurance cost increase
- \$10,000,000 in raises in 2023 based on assurances that the \$4 billion in the state budget would be flowed to public schools

\$32,801,418
TOTAL
BUDGET
IMPACT

Deficit Areas in Denton ISD



Pre-K Programming **\$2,490,955**



Special Education **\$9,859,333***



Transportation **\$7,438,226**



Safety and Security **\$4,440,228**

As of March 14, 2025:

- **8,905 Bills filed**
- **1,493 Public Education Bills**