

## GREGORY-PORTLAND ISD

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# Legislative Priorities

#### Prioritize PUBLIC EDUCATION through FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS in:

- 1. Creation of a sustainable, harmonious sharing of state/local funding;
- 2. High-Quality programs to meet student needs; and
- 3. Initiatives that attract and retain people to the field of education.

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#### SHARING of FUNDING





**INCREASE the Basic Allotment (BA)** and provide for annual inflation adjustments based on the overall Consumer Price Index (CPI).



**SUPPORT economic development incentives** with <u>local school district discretion</u> to enter into and negotiate details of such agreements.

### HIGH-QUALITY SCHOOL PROGRAMS





FULLY FUND Pre-Kindergarten for Texas students.

FULLY FUND school safety and security mandates including counseling / mental health supports for students and employees while ensuring sources flow equitably to districts that maintain local control.

PROVIDE special education (SPED) funding based on recommendations from <u>Texas Commission for SPED funding</u>: (1) Fund on service intensity; (2) Increase funding by over \$100M to close funding gaps; and (3) double special education CCMR outcomes bonus.

#### **ATTRACT &**RETAIN STAFF





**RE-DESIGN Teacher Retirement System (TRS)** contributions, disbursements, and eligibility requirements.

**BOOST funding for salary increases** for all employees with local school district discretion / decision-making.