

# Duncanville Independent School District

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### **SCHOOL FUNDING**

- Increase the Basic Allotment
  - Duncanville ISD advocates for an increase in the basic allotment and index it to inflation.
- Fund Full Day Prekindergarten
  - Duncanville ISD advocates for full funding for full-day prekindergarten programs through the Foundation School Program for all students.
- Increase Funding for the Technology and Instructional Materials Allotment (TIMA)
  - Duncanville ISD advocates for increased funding for the TIMA to ensure districts can provide adequate technology and instructional materials to meet higher standards for students.

# **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

- Revise House Bill 4545 from the 87th Legislative Session
  - Duncanville ISD advocates for revisions to HB 4545 from the 87th Legislative Session. The revision should include a permanent state funding source for all required accelerated instruction. Support measures to reduce state-level prescriptive requirements and to increase local flexibility in meeting the instructional needs of students.

### **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

- Increase the School Safety Allotment
  - Duncanville ISD advocates for increased funding of the School Safety Allotment and local flexibility to ensure districts can adequately meet student and staff safety needs.

## **RECRUIT AND RETAIN TEACHERS AND STAFF**

- Continue the TRS Defined Benefit Program
  - Duncanville ISD advocates for the continuation of the current defined benefit program for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS), as this is an invaluable recruiting and retention tool for maintaining quality educators in our classrooms.
- Address Rising Health Care Costs
  - Duncanville ISD advocates for an increase in state funding to offset the rising healthcare costs associated with TRSActiveCare and TRSCare.