

# **NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL CONSORTIUM**

## **Legislative Priorities**

### **Accountability and Assessment**

- NTRC supports a system that encompasses multiple assessments, reflects greater validity, and uses more cost efficient sampling techniques to reflect student achievement more accurately.
- NTRC supports the elimination of the current 15% mandate for End of Course assessments for a student's course grade.
- NTRC supports expanding flexibility in the ways that students can satisfy graduation requirements through the use of alternative measures and testing (AP, IB, and Dual Credit).
- NTRC supports expanding allowable 4x4 courses to include approved career and technical education courses to count towards fourth English/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies; and flexibility for teacher certification.

### **Finance**

- NTRC supports the restoration of \$4 billion in school funding to the 2011-12 level, at a minimum.
- NTRC supports fully funding enrollment growth.
- NTRC opposes vouchers, tax credits, tuition reimbursements, or any other program that diverts public tax dollars from public schools.
- NTRC supports independent school districts retaining all revenue generated by local tax rate elections.

### **Local Control**

- NTRC supports the return of permanent authority to local school districts for organizational, operational; and managerial affairs, human capital, and financial resource management which also includes, but is not limited to, calendar, fund balance and tax rate.

### **Texas High Performing Schools Consortium**

- NTRC supports the work of THPSC in transforming public education into a system that truly measures student learning against rigorous standards and creates student centered schools with future ready students through innovation and creativity, problem solving skills, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking.