



The Future of Testing and School Accountability in Texas

What makes a school great? What are parents really looking for in a high-quality school? What do teachers think is most important? What do students want and need?

From fall 2021 to the end of 2022, Raise Your Hand Texas will bring experts, researchers, policymakers, and communities together to ask these questions and more as we work to design a stronger and more innovative school testing and accountability system.

The goal? To bring 10,000 voices together with policy expertise to speak to what Texans want most from their schools and impact policy in the 2023 legislative session.

So much has changed about what we know are the best ways to learn, test, and measure all that goes into a world-class education system. And Texas, as a long-standing leader in school accountability reform, is uniquely positioned to lead the way toward a more useful, fair, and holistic approach. We have the opportunity to raise our standards for success and raise student outcomes like never before.

Join us as we chart a course toward the future for our 5.4 million public school students.

10,000 Voices on Testing and Accountability



In October 2021, the Raise Your Hand Texas advocacy team began meeting with Texans in small and large group settings to **educate** stakeholders about our current accountability system, **gather feedback** on accountability topics, and **invite** people to join us in the push for legislative change. By fall of 2022, we will

have heard more than 10,000 voices, listening to what Texans want most from their schools.



MEASURE WHAT **MATTERS**

Assessment and Accountability Council



In January 2022, Raise Your Hand Texas announced the formation of its [Measure What Matters Assessment and Accountability Council](#).

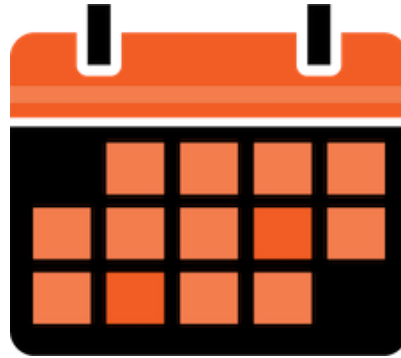
The first-ever Measure What Matters Conference event was held in-person and live-streamed on January 18, 2022. [Meet the speakers and review the conference agenda](#).

Throughout 2022, Raise Your Hand will also convene a series of accountability panel discussions geared towards legislators, staff, and advocates on topics such as different models for assessments, innovative accountability practices from across the country, federal requirements, and more.

All of these collective meetings, conversations, and interactions will culminate in a series of

Events

on Testing and Accountability



Leading up to the 2023 legislative session, Raise Your Hand will host a series of events on our report's findings, presenting and explaining them to advocates throughout the state.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Are you interested in building a better Testing and Accountability system in Texas? We want to hear from you! Connect with your local regional advocacy director to find out how you can get involved.

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