



LEWISVILLE ISD

Legislative Update

June 2, 2025

Action Alert Update - School Funding

- Appreciate all of our stakeholders who reached out to State Representatives and State Senators regarding HB 2 with concerns about the original changes from the Senate to HB 2.
- All who took action (phone calls, emails, etc) across the state made a difference and the updated version of HB 2 represents more of a compromise between the House version of HB 2 and the Senate Version.

HB 1481

Relating to school district and open-enrollment charter school policies regarding student use of personal communication devices.

- Requires Board of Trustees to adopt a policy to prohibit use of personal communications devices while on school property during the school day and must address disciplinary measures to be imposed for violation of the policy
- Act takes effect September 1, 2025

SB 569 - update

Signed by the Governor on May 6th - effective immediately

- **SB 569** (Bettencourt, Bell) relates to the provision of virtual education in public schools and to certain waivers and modifications by the commissioner of education to the method of calculating average daily attendance in an emergency or crisis for purposes of preserving school district funding entitlements under the Foundation School Program during that emergency or crisis; authorizing a fee.
- Determined best next step for LISD is to issue an RFP to review providers who can support us with establishing additional courses for virtual education - elementary, middle, and high - this also will allow time for Commissioner's rules to be developed

SB 2929

Sent to the Governor on May 15

- **SB 2929** (Creighton, Louderback) allowa referees, judges, and other officials at school extracurricular athletic activities to eject spectators without first issuing a verbal warning.

SJR 2

Proposed Constitutional Amendment - will be on the November 2025 ballot

- **SJR 2** (Bettencourt, Meyer) proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district.
- Raises homestead exemption from \$100K to \$140K

SB 1191

Relating to the development of a standard method of computing a student's high school grade point average. - Passed by Both House and Senate

- Seeks to address fairness and consistency in the calculation of high school GPAs across Texas by, among other provisions, requiring the commissioner of education to develop a standard method of computing a student's high school GPA, and requiring that standard method to provide for an equal amount of additional weight to be given to an advanced placement course, an international baccalaureate course, an OnRamps dual enrollment course, and a dual credit course.

HB 6

Relating to discipline management and access to telehealth mental health services in public schools. Passed by both the House and Senate

- House Bill 6 would extend how long schools can place students in in-school suspensions from three days to as long as they see appropriate. Principals would need to review the placement every 10 days. Students facing in-school suspension still complete schoolwork in a different classroom on school grounds.
- Because the bill would allow schools to use out-of-school suspensions to discipline **all** students when they engage in “repeated and significant” classroom disruption or threaten the health and safety of other children - this allows for the use of OSS with students in K-3