



# Denton ISD Legislative Update

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# 2023 DENTON ISD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## **STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO RECRUIT & RETAIN QUALIFIED TEACHERS**

- Elevate the teaching profession
- Increase Basic Allotment
- Provide incentives
- Reduce STAAR testing pressure
- Provide funding to compensate student teachers

## **MAKE INVESTMENTS THAT REFLECT THE TRUE COST OF EDUCATING STUDENTS**

- Fund enrollment rather than ADA
- Increase and index Basic Allotment to inflation
- Eliminate unfunded mandates
- Restore state's share of funding to 50% allowing for property tax reduction

## **REFORM STATE ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS TO BETTER MEASURE SUCCESS**

- Expand accountability system indicators
- Remove overall summative rating; keep domain ratings
- Allow flexibility and local discretion to implement HB4545
- Allow students alternative methods to advance through courses without penalizing school districts

## **ENSURE PUBLIC DOLLARS ONLY FUND ACCOUNTABLE & TRANSPARENT SCHOOLS**

- Eliminate two parallel funding tracks for schools
- Schools that receive public dollars have equal, aligned & transparent accountability standards
- More freedom to offer unconventional learning methods & district schools of choice

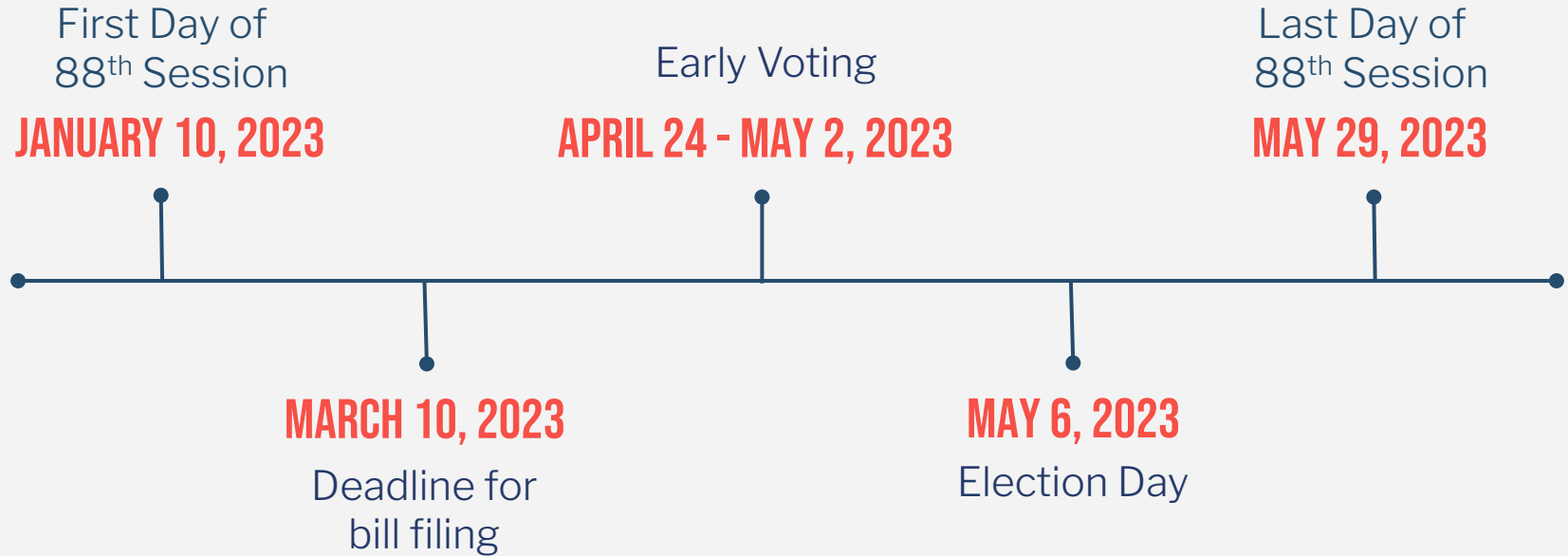
## **ADVOCATE FOR QUALITY PRE-K PROGRAMING**

- Fully fund pre-K programs by formula or increase in early childhood allotment
- Provide funding for pre-K transportation
- Advocate for pre-K facility funding

## **PROVIDE RESOURCES & FLEXIBILITY FOR DISTRICTS TO IMPROVE CAMPUS SAFETY & SECURITY**

- Increase School Safety Allotment
- Fund School Mental Health Allotment
- Provide flexibility in the use of state funds
- Increase outside resources for mental health

# Legislative Dates

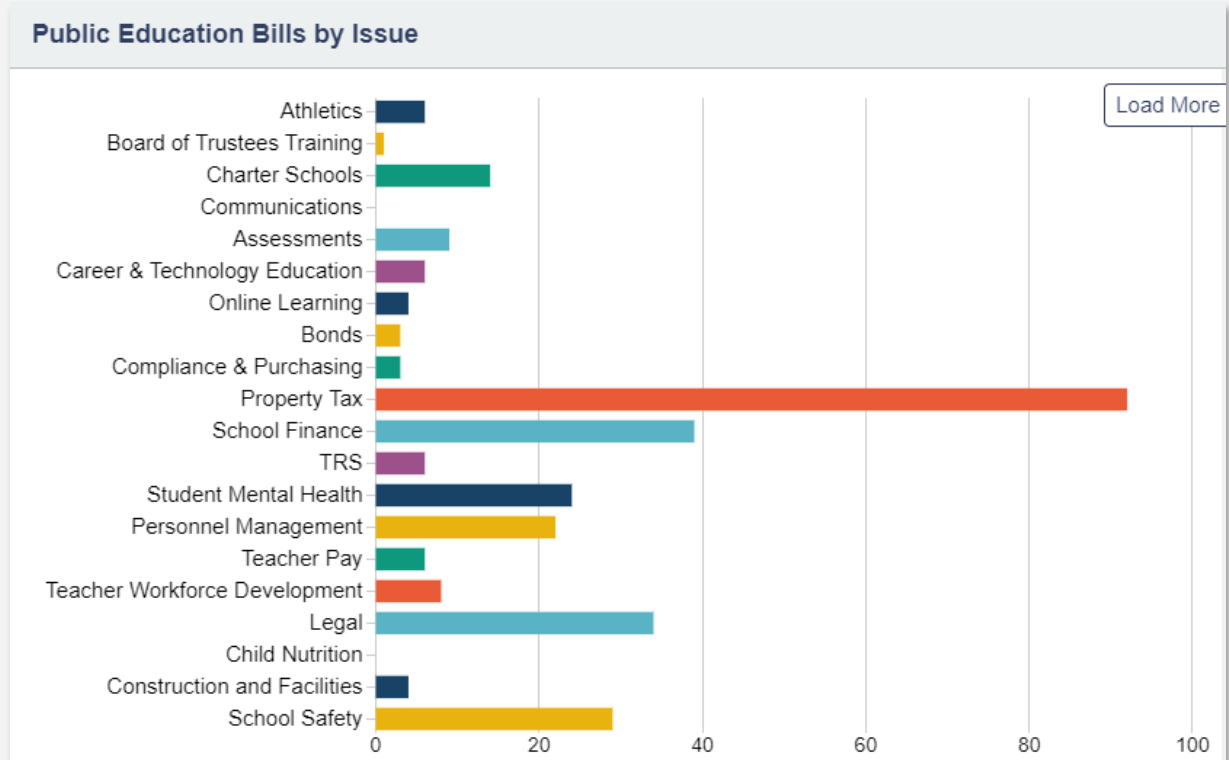




# State of the Session

## 88<sup>th</sup> Session by the Numbers

- 2,739 bills filed
- 421 of those are public education bills



# Public Education Committee Memberships

## Senate:

- Brandon Creighton, Chair (R-Conroe)
- Donna Campbell, Vice Chair (R-New Braunfels)
- Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston)
- Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury)
- Peter Flores (R-Pleasanton)
- Phil King (R-Weatherford)
- Morgan LaMantia (D-South Padre Island)
- José Menéndez (D-San Antonio)
- Mayes Middleton (R-Galveston)
- Tan Parker (R-Flower Mound)
- Angela Paxton (R-McKinney)
- Drew Springer (R-Muenster)
- Royce West (D-Dallas)

## House:

- Brad Buckley, chair (R-Salado)
- Alma Allen, vice-chair (D-Houston)
- Steve Allison (R-San Antonio)
- Charles Cunningham (R-Humble)
- Harold Dutton (D-Houston)
- Cody Harris (R-Palestine)
- Brian Harrison (R-Frisco)
- Cole Hefner (R-Mount Pleasant)
- Gina Hinojosa (D-Austin)
- Ken King (R-Canadian)
- Oscar Longoria (D-Mission)
- Matt Schaefer (R-Tyler)
- James Talarico (D-Round Rock)



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# A-F Accountability

# Testing and Accountability

The state's accountability (A-F) system is disproportionately based on a single end-of-year test that does not adequately consider a student's academic growth. Additionally, it is the only measure of accountability ratings in grades 3-8.





## House Bill No. 37 and No. 977

Relating to the creation of a Texas Commission on Assessment and Accountability

- Composed of 19 appointed members
- Shall develop recommendations to address issues related to the statewide assessment system

## Action Items

- Support for an interim commission with no major changes to the system until after the legislative session
- Letter from surrounding districts to the commissioner



# Funding Formula

## **House Bill No. 31**

- Relating to the use of average enrollment for purposes of the public school finance system

## **House Bill No. 882**

- Relating to the annual adjustment to the basic allotment under the Foundation School Program to reflect inflation

# Five Year Analysis

## Denton ISD

### 5-Year Analysis of Tax Rates, Property Value Growth, and the Relationship of Local and State Funding

	M&O Tax Rate	I&S Tax Rate	Total Tax Rate	Property Value Growth	% Growth	Local Tax Collections	% Local	State Funding	% State
2017/18	1.06	0.48	1.54	1,762,711,922.00	13.82%	\$ 169,377,202.00	70.44%	\$ 71,071,554.00	29.56%
2018/19	1.06	0.48	1.54	1,598,078,097.00	11.01%	\$ 187,873,253.00	75.88%	\$ 59,733,990.00	24.12%
2019/20	0.99	0.48	1.47	1,910,765,060.00	11.85%	\$ 196,964,876.00	72.77%	\$ 73,718,241.00	27.23%
2020/21	0.9276	0.48	1.4076	1,222,132,591.00	6.78%	\$ 194,897,700.00	71.48%	\$ 77,773,674.00	28.52%
2021/22	0.882	0.48	1.362	1,851,291,959.00	9.62%	\$ 202,446,298.00	71.52%	\$ 80,612,765.00	28.48%
2022/23	0.8646	0.48	1.3446	3,750,304,040.00	17.77%	\$ 227,592,853.00	77.31%	\$ 66,783,918.00	22.69%
				2022/23 LPE as of 1/11/2023		\$ 205,223,101.00	70.68%	\$ 85,131,490.00	29.32%



# Teacher Retention



## **Senate Bill No. 657**

- Relating to the establishment of the Texas Teacher Recruitment Scholarship Program and the Texas Teacher Retention Incentive Program

## **House Bill No. 1548**

- Relating to the salary and wages paid to public school employees
- Would give teachers a \$15,000 pay raise

## Resources for more information



Texas Secretary  
of State



Denton County  
Elections



Texas Legislature  
Online



Bill Tracker

