

Manor ISD Strategic Plan Aligned TASB Priorities

Academic Achievement

While Manor ISD welcomes targeted support through HB 2, MISD continues to advocate for more sustainable and equitable funding from the state. The basic allotment—the core per-student funding mechanism—was increased by only \$55 per student this year. However, inflation over the last five years has created an estimated \$1,500 per-student funding gap, putting continued pressure on local districts to do more with less.

Community and Family Engagement

Manor ISD advocates for the continued funding of public education for all children living in the state regardless of immigration status.

Equity and Innovation

Manor ISD advocates for legislation that eliminates the exemption for charter schools to exclude students with disciplinary histories, students with disabilities, and special population students.

Manor ISD advocates for full funding for statewide, universal, high-quality, full-day prekindergarten programs to include transportation, facilities, and strengthen mixed delivery programs made in partnership with public school districts for pre-K 3 and pre-K 4. While the state has created a mechanism to provide more funding to accomplish this goal, it has been capped which means the funding will NOT cover the full cost of PK.

Manor ISD advocates for increasing special education funding at the state level and fully funding and modernizing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) at the federal level.

Facilities and Maintenance

Manor ISD advocates for additional resources for school security and student safety to fully fund mandates from the Texas legislature. We welcome the significant increase in the safety and security allotment, but the increase falls some \$900,000 short of the cost to staff every school with a sworn peace officer.

Staff Development and Retention

Manor ISD applauds efforts to increase teacher and staff compensation. However, the expenditures must be paid by districts prior to the funding received. This continues to put pressure on districts to keep larger and larger amounts of tax payer funds to in fund balance to cover legislative initiatives. This year, Manor ISD will need an additional \$3.3 million in fund balance to cover new mandates. The legislature should either provide funding prior to the budget year or have initiatives begin a year after the legislation passes.