



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

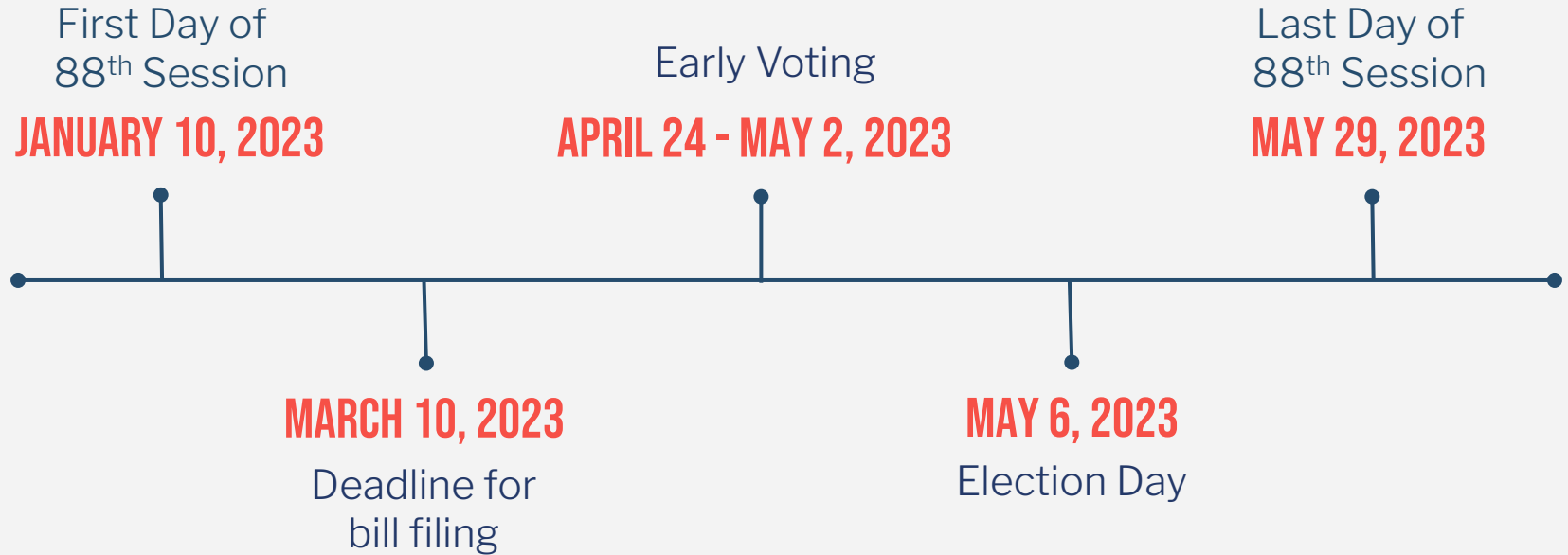
ADVOCATE FOR QUALITY PRE-K PROGRAMMING

- 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





Council of PTAs Rally Day February 27

Denton County Days March 21-22



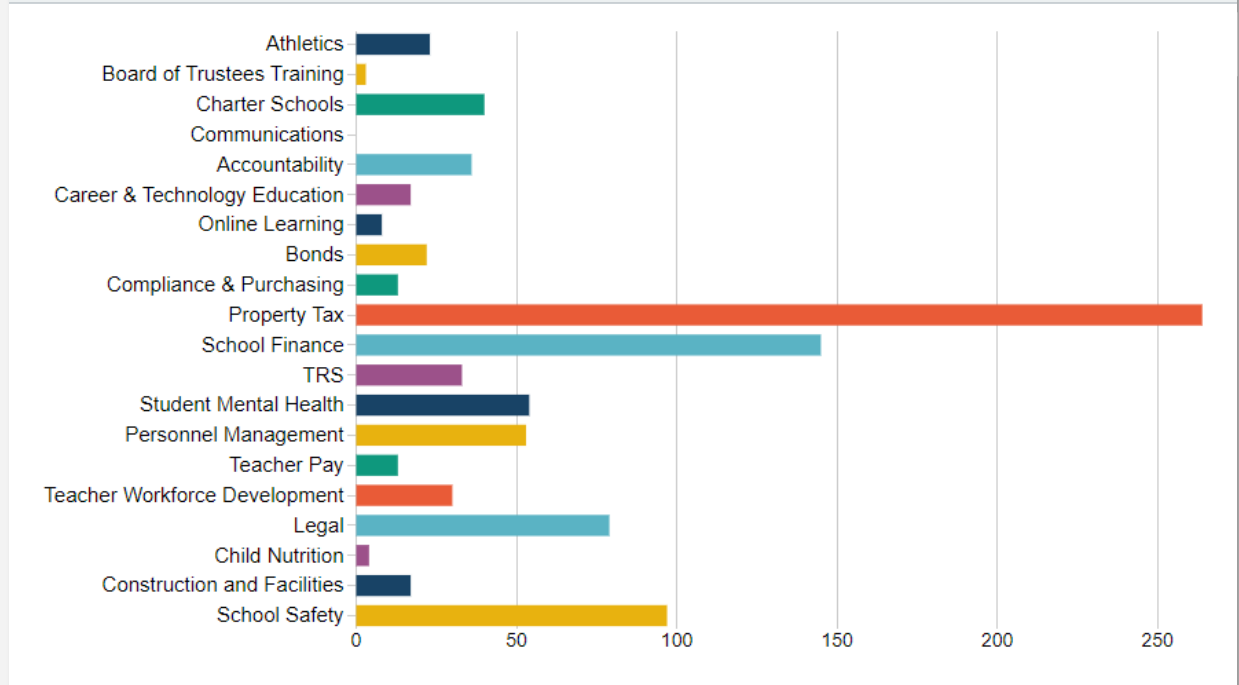


State of the Session

88th Session by the Numbers

- 8,172 bills filed
- 1,307 of those are public education bills

Public Education Bills by Issue



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)



Bills We're Watching

Senate Bill No. 8

Relating to public education, including parental rights and public school responsibilities regarding instructional materials and the establishment of an education savings account program.

- Authored by Creighton, Bettencourt, Campbell, King, Middleton, Parker, Paxton, Schwertner, & Springer
- Sent for public hearing on 3/22/23

Senate Bill No. 9

Relating to the rights, certification, and compensation of public school educators and assistance provided to public schools by the Texas Education Agency related to public school educators and to certain allotments under the Foundation School Program.

- Authored by Creighton, Bettencourt, Campbell, Hinojosa, Huffman, King, Middleton, Parker, Paxton, & Springer
- Sent for public hearing on 3/22/23

Senate Bill No. 3

Relating to an increase in the amount of certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads, an adjustment in the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in the exemption amounts, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue.

- Public hearing and testimony held on 3/15/23
- Placed on intent calendar for 3/22/23

House Bill No. 1416

Relating to accelerated instruction provided to public school students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments.

- Authored by K. Bell, Dutton, Buckley, VanDeaver, K. King
- Pending in committee after testimony taken 3/14/23

House Bill No. 2570

Relating to the provision of accelerated and supplemental instruction to public school students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments.

- Authored by Allen

Senate Bill No. 11

Relating to measures for ensuring safety and security in public schools, including measures related to certain student records and truant conduct.

- Authored by Nichols

House Bill No. 3

Relating to the development and implementation of, and funding for public school safety and security requirements.

- Authored by Burrows, T. King, Moody, K. King, Bonnen

House Bill No. 1157

Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to attend mental health care appointments.

- Authored by Lozano
- Public hearing and testimony held on 3/13/22, pending in committee

Senate Bill No. 891

Relating to excused absences from public school for a student's mental or behavioral health.

- Authored by Zaffirini
- Public hearing and testimony held on 3/8/23, pending in committee

House Bill No. 681

Relating to virtual and off-campus electronic instruction at a public school, the satisfaction of teacher certification requirements through an internship teaching certain virtual courses, and the allotment for certain special-purpose school districts under the Foundation School Program.

- Authored by K. Bell, K. King, Buckley, Shaheen

House Bill No. 1358

Relating to the content of a public school campus improvement plan.

- Authored by Harless, Allen
- Public hearing and testimony held on 3/13/22, pending in committee

Resources for more information

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