



FASTGROWTH

SCHOOL COALITION

2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

- Increase per-student funding through the basic allotment to recognize inflation, meet expectations, allow for sustainable teacher compensation increases, and invest additional weighted funding for safety, special education, dyslexia, and compensatory education students to support equitable student learning.
- Prioritize basic allotment funding over grants or specialty funding that picks winners and losers among students.
- Acknowledge and act to address the growing statewide need for facilities funding, eliminating the statutory limit on the Fast Growth Allotment to an appropriation amount, which results in an arbitrary proration of the entitlements.

SUPPORT GOOD GOVERNANCE: EMPOWER VOTERS & LOCALLY ELECTED BOARDS

- Maintain the ability of local governments to hold elections on the two uniform election dates in May and November.
- Ensure all bond and tax rate election ballot language is clear, transparent, and understandable. Revise required language that misleads voters.
- Money matters in public schools, and unintended consequences that limit the spending power of previously voter-authorized debt should be rejected.
- Authorize local governments to spur economic development through local economic incentive agreements to involve school district input and engagement.

DELIVER TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Improve notification timelines of proposed charter school locations by requiring charter schools to notify impacted school districts upon purchasing property.
- Require voter approval of a new charter within the ISD where it will be located.
- Prohibit charters from being located in proximity to high-performing ISD campuses.
- Conduct charter school board meetings in public, allowing for public testimony near the campus.
- Require SBOE approval of charter school expansion amendments.

PRIORITIZE PUBLIC DOLLARS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Money matters in our public schools, for our teachers, and for our students, and public dollars should always be prioritized for public schools.
- Voucher programs are bad public policy. Should Texas adopt any voucher or ESA programs, any taxpayer funds used for education must include appropriate and consistently applied accountability measures with required transparency for public and private schools.

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