

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## Texas 87th Regular Session, 2021

The Lake Travis Independent School District supports legislation that seeks to improve public school education in an impactful and innovative way. LTISD supports the following Legislative Priorities:

### Funding:

- House Bill 3 funding continued at the current level
- Hold districts harmless for funding losses during the entire 2020-2021 school year caused by enrollment and attendance decline due to COVID-19
- Ensure the fast growth allotment continues to be funded at the current level to help meet the needs of fast growth districts
- Eliminate penalties on school districts that provide local property tax relief to homeowners
- Funding based on total enrollment instead of average daily attendance (ADA) because enrollment is an indicator of true educational cost
- Provide an option for a district-based remote learning program while providing funding at the same level as in-person students
- Protect district funding by directing federal relief to Texas schools
- Support increased funding for Special Education students based on the needs of students as opposed to the amount of time they spend in special education settings by funding based on services provided
- Protect district fund balances from being utilized to balance the state budget

### Accountability:

- Advocate for a comprehensive accountability system that due to COVID must consist of meaningful and varied assessments that have value for students, parents and teachers, as well as flexible measures that local communities value.

### Elections:

- Amend the required ballot language for school district bond elections that misleads Texas voters

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