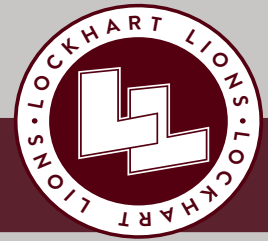


87th Texas Legislature



LOCKHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Legislative Priorities



- Continue the "Hold Harmless Guarantee" for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year to provide public schools stable resources.
- Properly fund local school districts to identify and address student needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent severe winter storm including access to technology, broadband/utility services, mental health resources, safe facilities, meals, social services, PPE, additional support for economically disadvantaged children, and remediation for students.
- Aggressively commit to maintain the promises and dedication of funding made in the new school finance system implemented under HB 3 and to equitably share the cost of education with local school districts and implement a funding structure that recognizes the flexibility needed and the additional costs incurred by school districts due to the pandemic.
- Advocate for adequate and equitable formula-based funding that takes into account student and district characteristics to meet state and local standards.
- Provide funding for student access to mental health services and support in public schools to enable districts to provide students with targeted interventions and establish a collaborative network of school and mental health professionals to serve students.
- Advocate for funding full-day pre-K programs through the Foundation School Program (FSP) for all students.
- Advocate for increased funding for the Technology & Instructional Materials Allotment (TIMA) to ensure districts can provide adequate technology and instructional materials to meet higher standards for students.
- Advocate for increased funding for the Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA), Existing Debt Allotment (EDA), and the New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA).
- Support local discretion on spending to ensure the unique needs of students, staff, and communities are met.



- Suspend the use of the punitive A-F accountability system throughout the current pandemic and eliminate A-F campus and district ratings that oversimplify the complex work of schools and that incentivize teaching to the test.
- Advocate for the establishment of a new comprehensive accountability system, with the input of stakeholders, that looks beyond high-stakes, multiple-choice exams to meaningful, timely assessments that inform instruction and have value for students, parents, and teachers.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
Benjamin Franklin



Halt the expansion of charter schools, to reduce the impact charter schools have on the state budget and local public schools, and to increase the transparency of charter schools and their operators, especially with regard to enrollment and expulsion practices, business operations, special education requirements, and expenditures. Require charters to have publicly elected board members who are accountable to the communities they serve.



Oppose any state plan that would use vouchers, tax credits, tax credit scholarships, taxpayer savings grants, tuition reimbursements, or any other means to divert public tax dollars to private entities, corporations providing virtual instruction, homeschool students, or parents, with no academic or financial accountability or transparency to the state, taxpayers or local communities.



Oppose legislation or measures that seek to limit school districts' or administrators' ability to have representation before the Texas Legislature, state agencies, and the executive branch.



Advocate for continued local control and flexibility for districts, opposing legislation that would erode local discretionary money or flexibility for Districts of Innovation.



Advocate for the continuation of Individual Graduation Committees whose members have authority to allow a student to graduate when the student has successfully completed all curriculum requirements for high school graduation and have failed no more than two end-of-course exams.

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EMPLOYEES

6,170 students

2020-2021

LISD
**FAST
FACTS**



TEA-Designated
DISTRICT
OF
INNOVATION

1:1
DISTRICT



1ST

School Board
in Texas to
complete
eXcellence in
Governance (XG) Training



349%

Growth in percentage
of English Language
Learners in LISD
from 2011-2021



Free
Internet
Service:
LionLink



9



Campuses

300
square miles



\$67 million

2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET



In Lockhart ISD, we commit to 1.5 years growth each year in reading and math for all students. Every day, we are intentional with how we review data, monitor instruction, and apply strategic pressure paired with focused support. In LISD, we cultivate and celebrate a culture of excellence, accelerating growth for all students and ensure they are college, career, and military ready.



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