



School Finance and HB 1525

THE CHALLENGE

We are proud of Northwest ISD's reputation that attracts more than 1,100 new students each year. However, with the surge of new families comes a substantial responsibility to meet the needs of our rapidly increasing student body with diminished funding.

The state's complicated school funding formula can have a very different impact on fast growth and Chapter 49 (aka. recapture, Robin Hood) school districts. While the last legislative session and House Bill 3 benefited many, it had an unexpected, negative impact on Northwest ISD and other fast-growth districts. With the unexpected continuation of required recapture (in which NISD has to send local tax dollars to the state due to our higher "property wealth") and a decrease in state funding of \$10 to \$15 million per year, we simply need the legislature to reverse the cuts made during the last legislative session as a result of House Bill 3.

HB 3 Cleanup Bill

- A cleanup bill for HB 3 (passed during the last session) is expected to gain support by both the House and Senate.

[HB 1525 Huberty](#)

- Addresses 21 different issues identified after the implementation of HB 3.
- Compensatory education for homeless students, addition of associate degree to CCMR Outcomes Bonus, CTE weights, tax rate modifications, etc.
- New approved amendments:
 - Includes changes to the Fast Growth Allotment. Alters the changes proposed for the Fast Growth Allotment weight.
- The bill will cost about \$330 million.
- Voted out of House Public Education Committee 4.13.21; Voted out of House with amendments 4.22.21; Bill has now moved to the Senate for consideration.

[SB 1536 - Taylor](#)

- Senate's version of HB 3 cleanup bill; originally identical to HB 1525.
- Considered in public hearing and left pending in committee 4.8.21.