



2023 Northwest ISD Legislative Priorities

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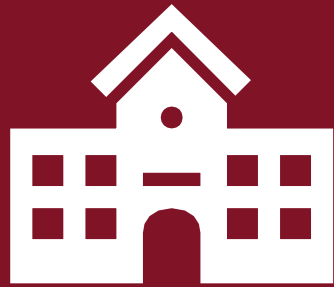
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**School
Finance and
Recapture**



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**Election
Requirements**



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School Finance and Recapture

- Increase and adjust the **basic allotment each biennium** based on the rate of inflation and **fund school districts from enrollment** instead of Average Daily Attendance.
- Reduce the **burden of recapture**, such as providing a discount for districts that make early recapture payments. Increase the threshold of when recapture begins with an increase in the basic allotment and funding structure based on enrollment, creating a higher floor.

Vouchers

- **Oppose** any effort to divert **local property tax revenue for any non-public education purpose**. Ensure charter schools and other education-related systems receiving public funds have **financial and academic accountability** to the public in line with accountability measures for public school districts.

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Assessment & Accountability

- Advocate for the establishment of a comprehensive accountability system that includes **meaningful, diversified data points**, as well as **flexible measures** that parents and local communities value.
- Pause accountability ratings to **allow one full year to properly implement new STAAR assessment** changes.

Election Requirements

- Ensure all bond and tax rate election ballot language is **clear, transparent, and understandable**. Revise required language that misleads voters. **Oppose** legislation that limits dates upon which elections may be held or that creates **additional requirements**, such as voter turnout thresholds.

Local Decision-Making

- Support **community-focused governance** and local flexibility to meet student and staff needs.

Next Steps

- Identify additional Legislative Concerns to follow
- Develop talking points
- Develop a communication plan and handouts
- Collaborate with PTA and other organizations





Thank you!
Questions?