

PRIORITIES

for the 88th Texas Legislative Session

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What are our **TOP PRIORITIES?**

Basic Allotment Increase*

Automatic Inflation Adjustment*

Cost of Education Adjustment**

Early Recapture Payment Discount***

Full Credit for Homestead Exemption****

What MOTIVATES us:

- SBISD is the 39th largest district; SBISD pays the 10th highest recapture payment.
- SBISD pays the 10th highest recapture payment though 57% of SBISD students are economically disadvantaged.
- Since 2014, SBISD has paid over **\$472 million in recapture**; SBISD has only received \$168 million in state funding.
- **No inflation adjustment** is built into funding formula.
- No cost of education adjustment is built into funding formula.

- **Lack of transparency** in state budget relative to recaptured funds.
- Texas is among the **lowest 10 states** for education funding.
- Begging for breadcrumbs" there has been no fix to the school finance model.
- The State has required use of ESSER funds to cover inflationary costs; These one-time federal funds go away next year.
- We cannot have a repeat of 2011 in SBISD!

SBISD lost \$37 million in state funding and had to eliminate 350 positions.

^{*}impacts all districts

^{**}Impacts urban and coastal districts

^{***}Impacts Chapter 49 districts

^{****} Impacts SBISD & other Chapter 49 LOHE offering districts

Our **DISTRICT**:



46 Campuses



Data source: Spring Branch ISD PIEMS Report - October 2022

Our STUDENTS:



33,653 Students Enrolled

57% Economically Disadvantaged

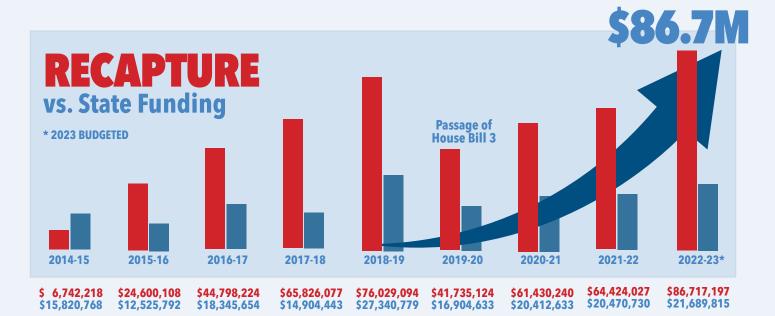
38% English Language Learners

54% At-risk

12% Gifted & Talented

12% Special Education

10,000+ Enrolled in CTE Courses





Insurance

Property Insurance increased by 48%. The cost of gasoline increased by 179%. Utilities increased by 54%.

= \$6.3 million

From FY2020-FY2022 inflation has increased these line item expenses by 55%.



The **Spring Branch ISD School Finance Advocacy Team (SFAT)** is a group of concerned SBISD parents and community members. The group came together during Fall 2022 to learn about the history of public school finance in Texas and the impact on our district.

This document represents the team's collective feedback and recommended priorities for the 88th Legislative Session. The SBISD Board of Trustees is expected to vote on their Legislative Priorities in December 2022.



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