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# Northwest ISD Legislative Priorities



## Support public schools and improve public school funding.

- 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.
- 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.



## Support student learning and success.

- 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.
- Prioritize funding and incentives for teacher recruitment and retention that offer local flexibility.



## Support local decision-making.

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