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SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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For the 88th Legislative Session

**Jennifer Blaine**

Superintendent of Schools

**The state will take\*  
\$87 Million in taxpayer  
funds from SBISD in 2023.**

**The cost is too high for  
our children.**

## Our **DISTRICT:**



**46 Campuses**



**4,636 Teachers  
& Staff**

## 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

Data source: Spring Branch ISD PIEMS Report - October 2022

**Recognized by state rating agencies and national organizations  
for excellence in financial management and reporting.**



**STATE FINALIST**



*Congratulations!*

**2023 Large District Finalist**

# Points of Pride

## **SBISD STAAR scores exceed Region and State in all three performance levels in every subject tested**

- Overall district results reflect improvement in every subject area at every
- Performance level by up to 11 points (STAAR 3-8)
- 27 schools maintained an A or improved at least one letter rating.
- Distinction designations increased from a total of 64 in 2019 to 78 in 2022

## **College Readiness (PSAT 8/9 and NMSQT - Fall 2021)**

- The percentage of 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students meeting College Ready Benchmarks on Evidence Based Reading/ and Writing and Math on the PSAT exceeded the State at every grade level by 7 to 14 points
- 29 students recognized as National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists (Fall 2022)

## **Beginning of Year Data**

- The % of students starting the year reading on or above grade level is the highest over the last four years (38% in 2019 to 59% in 2022) (Running Records)
- Based on fall MAP assessments, our Beginning of the Year STAAR projections are at or above Fall 2021 projections in both reading and math in most grades.

## **District of Distinction**

- Texas Art Education Association District of Distinction: 2021 and 2022

# 2011

**Can't happen again!**

- \$37M in state funding lost
  - 350 staff positions cut

**Christine Porter**

Associate Superintendent  
Finance



# Texas School Finance 101

## What's happening?

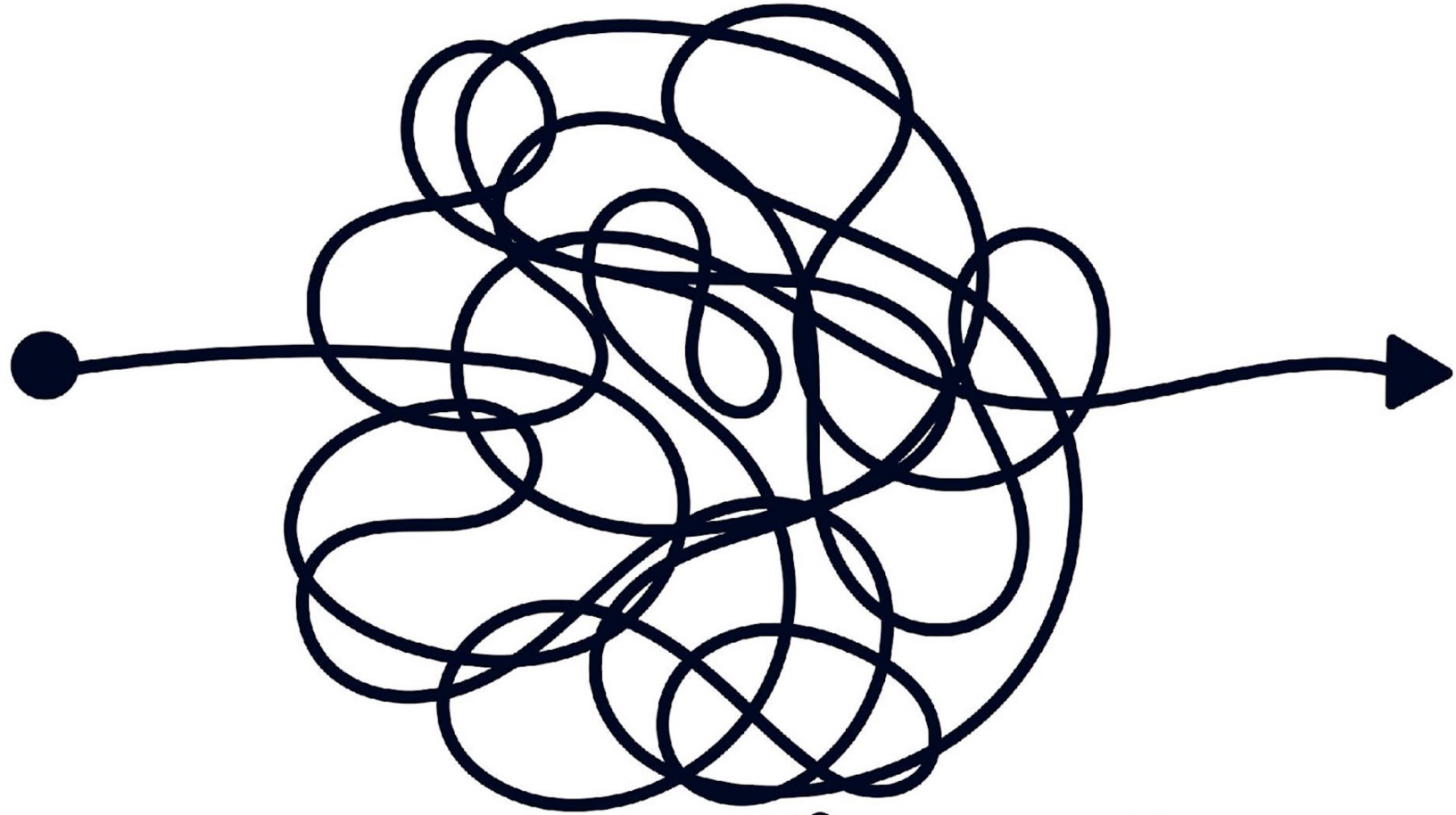
Over **5 million** students

**\$50 billion** for maintenance  
and operations

**\$5**  
~~(\$5.2 billion)~~ in Recapture

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**It's complicated.**

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# Three Essential Drivers Texas School Funding

Student  
Counts

Property  
Values

Tax  
Effort

**Total cost of Texas School Funding is a shared cost between the state and local districts.**

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# SBISD BUDGET

	Audited FY 2022 \$0.9998	8.80% TAV Increase FY 2023 \$0.9643
<b>State Revenue Calculation:</b>		
Tax Collections (Current and Delinquent)	\$ 339,354,541	\$ 358,640,443
State Funding	20,470,730	21,689,814
<b>Recapture</b>	<b>(64,424,029)</b>	<b>(86,717,197)</b>
<b>Net State Funding</b>	<b>295,401,242</b>	<b>293,613,060</b>
<b>Other Revenue:</b>		
Penalty and Interest and Misc. Tax Revenue	2,355,751	1,950,000
Other Local Revenue	5,996,856	8,168,500
Other State Revenue	89,381	-
Prior Year Funding and Recapture Adjustment	(2,068,293)	700,000
TRS - State Contribution	17,805,349	18,820,300
Federal Revenue	17,391,847	12,874,658
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>336,972,133</b>	<b>336,126,518</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Payroll Costs	290,596,619	307,359,375
Contracted Services/Supplies/Other Operating	35,283,061	44,316,784
Debt Service	506,150	-
Capital Outlay	1,705,127	1,910,304
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>328,090,957</b>	<b>353,586,463</b>
Other Sources (Uses)	1,482,656	50,000
<b>Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures:</b>	<b>10,363,832</b>	<b>(17,409,945)</b>

# RECAPTURE vs. State Funding

\* 2023 BUDGETED

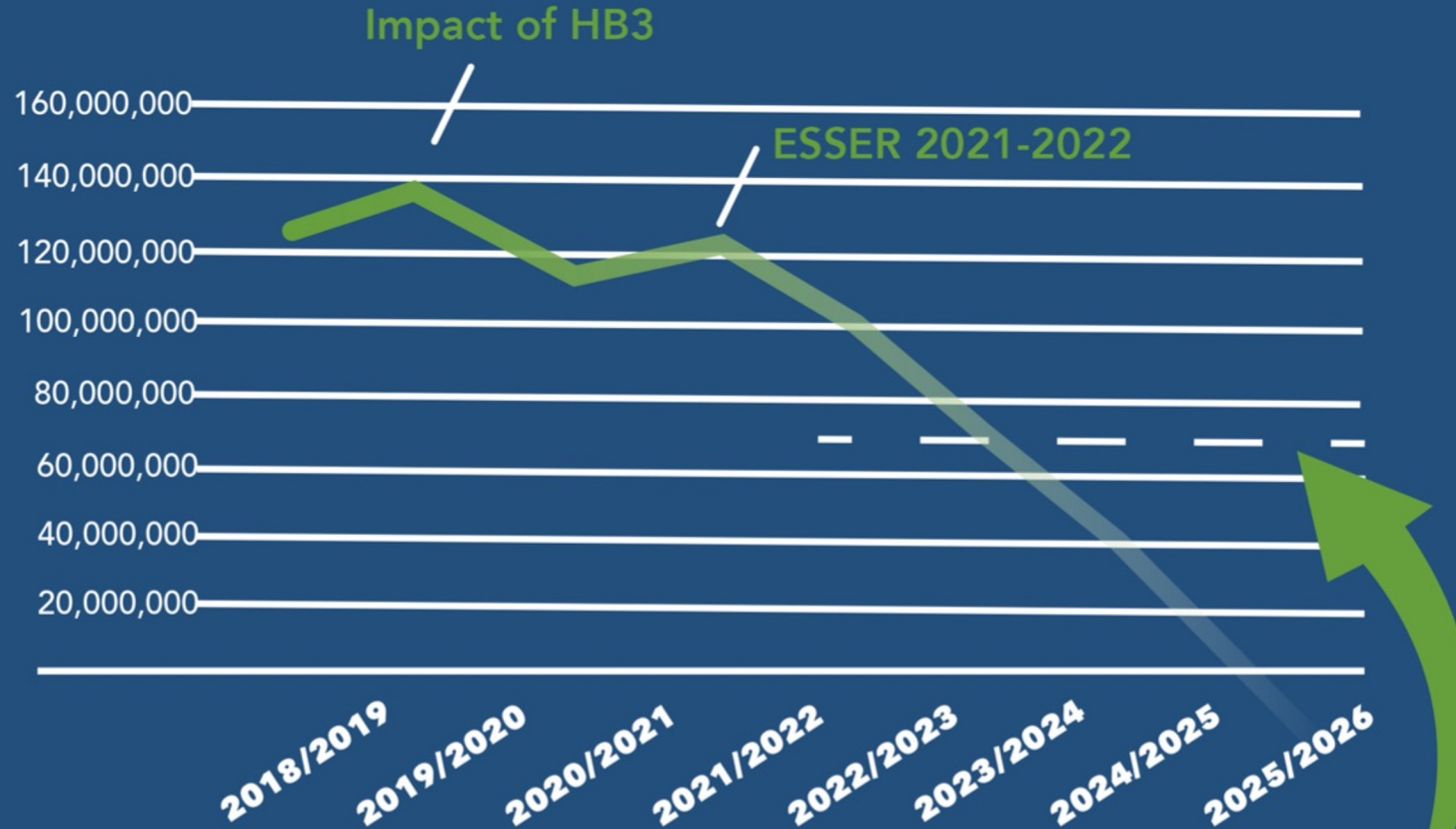
**\$86.7M**

Passage of  
House Bill 3





# Projected Fund Balance Impact if no change is made to funding formula.

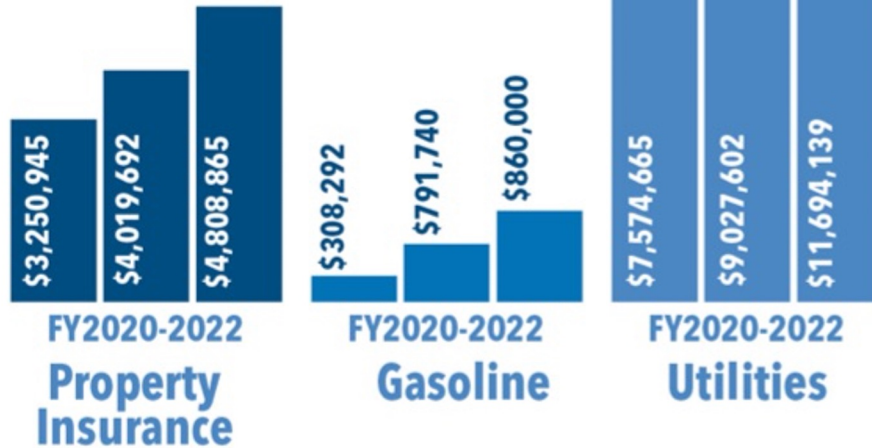


If SBISD's Fund Balance drops below this point, the district's ability to maintain services, financial stability and bond ratings is unsustainable.



# Inflation Impacts on Bottom Line

## Inflation Impacts:



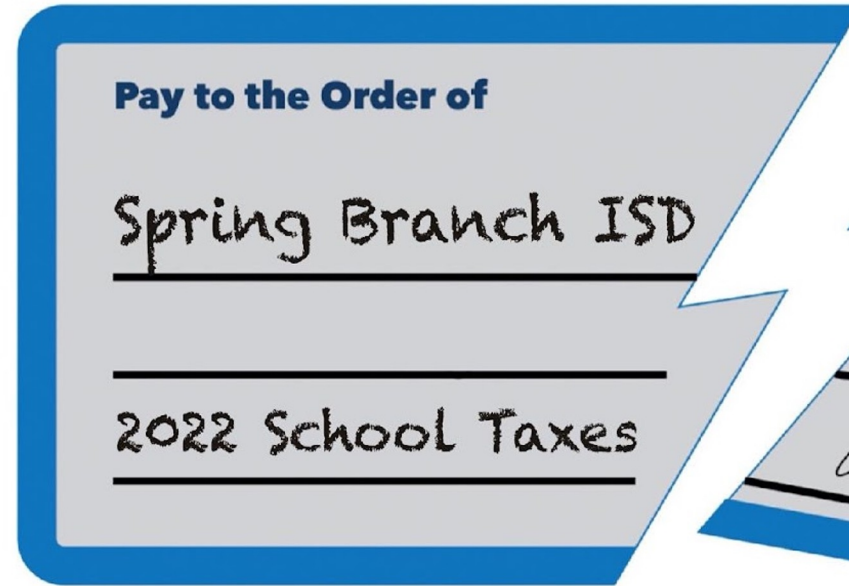
From FY2020-FY2022 inflation has increased these line item expenses by 55%.

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

**= \$6.3 million**

# Local Tax Revenues

# \$1 Million



## \$790,000

**STAYS IN SBISD**

## \$210,000

**RECAPTURED  
BY STATE**

**Update:** On January 9, the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate affirms recapture will be \$4.96 billion for FY2023. The estimate is \$10 billion by 2025 if there is no reform to the state funding formulas.

# **RECAPTURE**

**The State determines what we keep and what we pay based on current formulas.**

**Robin Hood**

(Chapter 41)

**“Local Revenue in Excess of Entitlement”**

(Chapter 49)

# RECAPTURE



- \$ **STATE DECIDES** how much revenue per penny of tax rate we keep in SBISD for our students
- \$ Property value increases **GO TO THE STATE**
- \$ State dictates how much per student we keep - **REGARDLESS** of outside forces such as **INFLATION** or **INCREASED COST** of educating our students
- \$ Inflation actually **BRINGS MORE MONEY TO THE STATE**
- \$ **NO MECHANISM** to give increases to school districts - unless the Legislature acts
- \$ State is projecting almost ~~\$30~~<sup>\$33</sup> billion in excess revenue

**VIDEO**



**Maintaining high-quality schools in SBISD is vital to our community.**

**We must ensure we have the funding to do so.**



**The Spring Branch ISD School Finance Advocacy Team (SFAT) is a group of concerned SBISD parents and community members who want full and fair funding for Spring Branch ISD schools.**

# What motivates us?

- 1** SBISD is the **39th largest district**; SBISD pays the **10th highest recapture payment**.
- 2** SBISD pays the 10th highest recapture payment though **57% of SBISD students are economically disadvantaged**.
- 3** Since 2014, SBISD has paid over **\$472 million in recapture**; SBISD has only received \$168 million in state funding.
- 4** **No inflation adjustment** is built into funding formula.
- 5** **No cost of education adjustment** is built into funding formula.
- 6** **Lack of transparency** in state budget relative to recaptured funds.
- 7** Texas is among the **lowest 10 states** for education funding.
- 8** "Begging for breadcrumbs" – **there has been no fix to the school finance model**.
- 9** The State has required use of ESSER funds to cover inflationary costs; **These one-time federal funds go away next year**.
- 10** **We cannot have a repeat of 2011 in SBISD!**  
SBISD lost \$37 million in state funding and had to eliminate 350 positions.



# What are our **TOP PRIORITIES**?

**Basic Allotment Increase\***

**Automatic Inflation Adjustment\***

**Cost of Education Adjustment\*\***

**Early Recapture Payment Discount\*\*\***

**Full Credit for Homestead Exemption\*\*\*\***

\*impacts all districts

\*\*Impacts urban and coastal districts

\*\*\*Impacts Chapter 49 districts

\*\*\*\* Impacts SBISD & other Chapter 49 LOHE offering districts

**Texas needs to change  
the funding formula and  
infuse more money into  
public education.**



# What can you do?

# Advocate!

[www.springbranchisd.com/sfat](http://www.springbranchisd.com/sfat)  
**#fullyfundsbsd**





TX PTA RALLY DAY

# SAVE THE DATE

SBISD Council of PTAs is once again organizing SBISD advocates on a road trip to Austin to meet with local legislators and attend the Texas PTA Rally Day on the steps of the Capital. Please mark your calendar and look for more information to be coming out soon.

MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 27  
2023



Use or  
click QR  
code to  
RSVP

# **SBISD Trustee Message**

# Community

MEETING DATES - Mark your calendars!

*All meetings will run 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

**Wednesday, January 11**

Memorial High School Cafeteria

**Wednesday, January 18**

Spring Woods High School Cafeteria

**Wednesday, January 25**

Northbrook High School Cafeteria

**Wednesday, February 8**

Stratford High School Cafeteria


**Let Austin know  
our kids and schools  
are worth it in  
Spring Branch!**

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**Q & A**


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