



# *Pflugerville ISD*

## *State Legislative Priorities*

### *2014-15*

Pflugerville Independent School District is a fast-growth district located in Northeast Travis County. The District serves over 23,000 students and includes all or part of six municipalities including Pflugerville, Austin, Coupland, Hutto, Manor and Round Rock. Pflugerville ISD believes public education is the cornerstone of our society, and provides a place where students of all backgrounds and abilities are given the opportunity to grow and learn. The District believes local control of schools and school programs is essential to the continued success of public schools across the state.

#### **Funding**

- ★ Restoration of cuts made in 2011 – Pflugerville ISD's funding was cut 8.4 million as a result of the dramatic decrease in state funding for public schools.
- ★ Establishment of an adequate and equitable funding system – Eliminate the arbitrary target revenue system, which is not equitable across districts and create a funding formula that accurately reflects the cost of education based on the needs of the student population served. Aside from recognizing there are different costs of living across the state, every child should receive a similar level of funding for their education.

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#### **State-funded Pre-K for all students**

- ★ Pflugerville ISD supports a state-funded pre-k program available for all students.

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#### **Oppose vouchers/school of choice**

- ★ Pflugerville ISD believes vouchers/school of choice would be detrimental to Texas public schools, and that taxpayer funds should not be diverted to schools that are not held to the same standards as Texas public schools.

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#### **TRS funding**

- ★ Continue funding for SB 1458 – Beginning in fiscal year 2015, school districts are required to make TRS contributions equal to 1.5 percent of their employees' compensation. The State currently offsets this incremental cost by contributing \$67.55 per ADA. Continued funding impact on PflISD is \$1.5 million.
- ★ Maintain the Teacher Retirement System – The structure and benefits offered through TRS should remain unchanged.

