

## LOCAL OPTIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

- **Fully fund school districts that offer a Local Optional Homestead Exemption (LOHE).**
  - In CFISD, the 20% LOHE reduces \$8.5 billion in taxable value, resulting in a loss of \$91 million in the district's property tax revenue.
  - School districts with the LOHE that pay recapture receive an offset to their recapture payment to make up for a portion of the LOHE-related loss in tax collections. CFISD does not receive any offset.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

- **Increase the School Safety Allotment.**
  - For the FY 2024, CFISD received \$2,396,765 through the School Safety Allotment but expended \$51,855,629 in allowable expenditures, including \$16,916,111 for police department personnel and operations.
  - Current law mandates an armed officer at every campus during the instructional day. In CFISD, compliance with this provision would require hiring approximately 60 additional officers at an estimated cost of \$9 million.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

- **Increase the Special Education Allotment.**
  - The current funding model has been in place since the 1990s and does not consider the intensity or specialized services required.
  - For the FY 2024, CFISD received \$99,373,533 through the Special Education Allotment but expended \$157,020,020 in allowable expenditures and incurred a more than \$10 million decrease in School Health and Related Services (SHARS) funding.
  - Adopt the following recommendations from the Texas Commission on Special Education Funding Report to the 88th Texas Legislature (December 2022):
    - ◊ Transition to a Service Intensity-Based Formula System
    - ◊ Provide a cost offset for Full and Individual Evaluations (FIEs)
    - ◊ Increase the per-mile reimbursement rate for special education transportation
    - ◊ Provide funds to offset the retire/rehire penalty for special education staff
    - ◊ Provide funding for special education teacher certification exam fees
    - ◊ Provide funding for special education teachers and paraprofessionals stipends
    - ◊ Increase the College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) Outcomes Bonus for students served by special education

## TRANSPORTATION

- **Increase the Transportation Allotment.**
  - The current funding level has not been increased since the 1980s.
  - For the FY 2024, CFISD received approximately \$8 million from the Transportation Allotment but expended approximately \$46 million to provide transportation services.



# 89<sup>TH</sup> PRIORITIES FOR THE TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION

*Prioritizing the success of our students & the strength of our community*

## CFISD OVERVIEW

- 118,000 students
- 3rd-largest district in Texas
- 96 campuses
- Largest employer in Cy-Fair area
- 100 languages & dialects spoken
- 61% economically disadvantaged students
- 20% emergent bilingual students
- 14% special education students



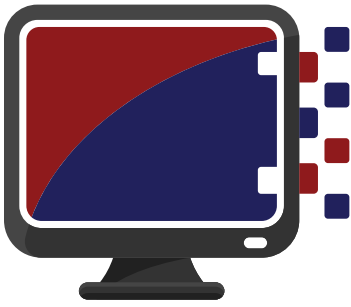
The legislative priorities were researched and developed by the CFISD Board of Trustees.

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# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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