



Reach & Impact

WORKING GROUPS

01

Operational Efficiency

District operations cover everything from transportation and maintenance to meals and technology.

Understand the impact of the level of service to ensure effective learning environments and make recommendations.

02

Retain & Recruit Quality Staff

Gain a comprehensive understanding of personnel costs and support, while analyzing the markets influencing BISD.

Based on this analysis, make recommendations,

03

Revenue Generation

Districts generate revenue primarily through the state funding formula.

Gain an understanding of all available opportunities to generate revenue under current law and make recommendations,

04

Reach & Impact

Understand the current state of engagement and advocacy efforts.

Make recommendations to expand and engage greater levels of advocacy.



ADVOCACY

Forms of Advocacy to Support School Finance

Local Advocacy

- Attend Community Events
- Host Informational Sessions & Community Forums
- Write Op-Eds and Letters to Local Newspaper
- Create Educational Infographics and Pamphlets
- Post Information on Social Media

Legislative Advocacy

- Meet with Lawmakers
- Submit Testimonials
- Write Letters to Committee Members
- Call Lawmakers

Decision-Makers

Local

Mayor

City Council

Judges

Sheriff

Chief of Police

State

Representative Ellen Troxclair
Texas House District 19

Representative Mark Dozario
Texas House District 122

Senator Donna Campbell
District 25



Unfunded Mandates



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

for 89th Texas Legislative Session

Education is expected to be a key issue that the Texas Legislature addresses in the next session. The 86th session saw the first update to public school financing in many years, while beginning a process of relief for property owners with regards to Maintenance & Operations tax rates. The 89th session will likely continue to focus on property tax relief along with necessary public-school funding formula updates, teacher pay, and Education Savings Accounts. The priorities listed below were unanimously adopted by the Boerne ISD Board of Trustees.

THE PRIORITIES LISTED BELOW WERE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOERNE ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1. Increase the Basic Allotment to keep pace with inflation

- There have been no increases in the Basic Allotment since May 2019 despite cumulative inflation of 22.4% since that time.
- Local districts face substantial increased costs for fuel, utilities, and insurance.
- This means that public schools have seen increases in funding since 2019 that are far below the combination of inflation plus enrollment growth.

ASK: We call on the Legislature to increase the Basic Allotment by a respectable amount and provide the funding necessary for the ever-increasing costs of meeting the needs of Texas students.

2. Honor the Profession

- Teaching is an honorable profession worthy of improved compensation. Sadly, Texas teachers earn on average \$7500 less than the national average. Our teachers work hard and have had a tremendous impact in producing the highest four-year high school graduation rate of any mid-sized or large district, and are responsible for teaching all those who enroll, including those with challenging educational disabilities.

ASK: We call on the Legislature to create a permanent Teacher Retention Allotment to help recruit and retain quality teachers who serve over 5 million Texas schoolchildren.

3. Increase financial support for school safety

- HB 3 adopted in 2023 requires districts to post an armed security officer at every school and provide mental health training for certain district employees. Despite increased financial support, state aid covers only approximately 25% of Boerne ISD's security budget that aligns with the State of Texas mandate.

ASK: We call upon the Texas Legislature to increase its financial support for school safety.

4. Continue Property Tax Relief

- The Legislature has acted appropriately in dedicating a significant amount of the state's budget surplus to lower M&O Tax Rates bringing needed tax relief to property owners.

ASK: We support efforts to continue increasing the share of state funding for K-12 public education and using part of any future state surplus to continue lowering the M&O tax rate.

Boerne ISD Board of Trustees adopted Legislative Priorities

Safety and Security

Texas HB 3 mandates that every K-12 school have an armed security officer on campus.
The legislature provides \$15,000 per campus to assist with implementation.

14 Armed Police Officers

2 Armed BISD Employees

11 Unarmed Security Staff

Boerne PD: 8 Officers \$499,631

Fair Oaks: 2 Officers \$114,402

**Kendall County Sheriff:
2 Officers \$95,553**

School Health Related Services (SHARS)

This Medicaid program reimburses ISD's for providing health-related services to students with disabilities. Districts across Texas expect a loss of revenue.

2022-2023

\$1.5M



2024-2025

\$100K

Pre-K Funding

Texas ranks 39th in Pre-K funding & invests \$3K below the national average per student.

The state funds Pre-K at half the rate of other grade levels, covering only half day programs.

BISD uses local funds to offer full-day pre-K.

2023-24 Expenditures \$596K

2023-24 Early Education Allotment Only \$126K



I wonder...

What do you want to
learn more about?





**Based on
tonight's info..**

What needs to be shared
with the whole group?



BSAC Session 2

Exit Ticket

Next Meeting: Dec 3



Meeting Overview

01	October 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• School Finance 101
02	November 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Financial Climate• Working Groups Kick-Off
03	December 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working Group Session
04	January 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working Group Session
05	February 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presenting Ideas• Building Consensus



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