



## Legislative Priorities 89th Legislative Session

# 1 Assessment & Accountability

**Stabilize the accountability system for 5 years.**

Provide accountability rules, rating calculations, and roll-outs in a timely and transparent manner.

# 2 Safety & Security

**Increase the school safety allotment to cover the costs of mandated services.**

Support the expansion of funded school safety and security measures that include preventive counseling/mental health supports designed to keep students mentally strong and prepared to cope with personal challenges.

# 3 School Finance

**Shift attendance-based funding to enrollment-based funding.**

Increase the basic allotment to adjust annually for inflation. (Since 2019, inflation has risen 23%, meaning the current allotment of \$6,160 should be approximately \$7,570).

Update the special education allotment to cover costs of mandated services.

Channel all public funds to public schools.

Increase financing for bilingual education.

# 4 Teacher Recruitment & Retention

**Ensure educator salaries increase with inflation.**

Offer incentives for certified teachers to return and allow TRS retirees to rehire without impacting their retirement benefits.

Fund certification programs and/or exam fees to help address the teacher shortage.

Ensure educators are provided with health benefits that are comparable to all state government employees.

# 5 Teaching & Learning

**Fully fund full-day, universal prekindergarten services through the foundation school program.**

Strengthen measures that allow schools to maintain classroom environments that are safe and conducive to learning.

## OVERVIEW

Communities cannot thrive without properly-funded, good-quality public schools. Crosby ISD is the heartbeat of the Crosby / Barrett Station communities. Now is the time to invest in learning opportunities that empower students to grow into future careers. The Crosby ISD Board of Trustees believes public schools should be accountable, but the accountability system needs to be stabilized. The state of Texas ranks 42nd in the nation when it comes to per student funding for public education. The state is sitting on a record surplus and yet the basic allotment hasn't changed in six years. The spending power of the basic allotment is now one-fourth of what it used to be. We seek proper support for unfunded state mandates that are out of our local control. We are the Crosby Independent School District. "Independent" is our name. It's a value we will continue to cherish and uphold.