



# District Outlines Legislative Priorities

## Elgin ISD Focused on Learning Experience of Every Student

*January 14, 2025* – The Elgin ISD Board of Trustees on Monday unanimously approved legislative priorities for the 89th Texas Legislative Session.

Elgin ISD will support legislation that aligns with its strategic priorities and compelling purpose: every student deserves access to engaging, innovative learning experiences so that they are provided choice and opportunity for their future.

The school district will focus on supporting the following in the 89th Legislative Session:

### **Investing in students and educators**

1. Increasing the basic allotment funding to address rising costs, mandated safety requirements, and to allow for equitable, sustainable funding for teacher compensation
2. Transitioning from attendance-based to enrollment-based funding
3. Fully funding Pre-Kindergarten and individualized special education allotments
4. Removing the statutory limit on Fast Growth Allotments

### **Ensuring transparency with public dollars**

1. Prioritizing the use of public dollars for public schools
2. Providing equitable funding for all public schools, including local districts and charters

### **Supporting those who support our students**

1. Increasing the number of those entering the field of education by providing for competitive compensation and improving the affordability of college and certification programs
2. Increasing state funding to assist with rising costs of healthcare associated with TRS-ActiveCare and TRS-Care plans
3. Offering flexible certification pathways to address teacher shortages, especially in areas where local certification through District of Innovation plans are not allowable, including, Pre-Kindergarten, Special Education, and Bilingual Education

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### **Providing for fair and transparent school accountability**

1. Reforming standardized testing by focusing on essential standards and limiting assessments to those that are federally required
2. Restructuring accountability systems to emphasize student growth over summative ratings
3. Holding all schools accepting public dollars to equivalent standards and expectations for testing and accountability

### **Empowering voters and locally elected officials**

1. Increasing local control and decision-making authority for unique district needs
2. Supporting measures to increase local flexibility in meeting the instructional needs of our students
3. Simplifying and ensure transparent ballot language to reduce voter confusion, particularly for bond and tax rate elections
4. Continuing flexibilities offered through local District of Innovation (DOI) plans

“Elgin ISD will work diligently to meet its strategic priorities and compelling purpose, which focus on the learning experiences of every student,” said Elgin ISD Executive Director of Communications & Community Engagement, Al A. Rodriguez. “We look forward to working together with those state representatives who will work with us to meet those goals in support of every student.”

The 89th Texas Legislative Session began Tuesday, Jan. 14.

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