



# THE IMPACT OF UNDERFUNDED MANDATES

Like most districts in the State of Texas, Dallas ISD is facing a number of circumstances out of our control, which impact our budget, including:

- 40-year record inflation
- A state funding formula that has not been changed since 2019
- Underfunded mandates from the state - including requirements for special programs

Dallas ISD, proudly serving more than 140,000 students at 241 schools, is operating with a \$186 million budget deficit caused by inflation and underfunded mandates from the state. As the state's continued economic success depends on a well-educated workforce, more funding for public school operations is necessary.

An increase in the state's Basic Allotment for each student would give Dallas ISD the flexibility to boost teacher salaries, keep schools safe, and put dollars directly into the classroom. It would also honor the commitment made to public education by state leadership and lawmakers in 2019 through the passage of HB 3.



## SPECIAL EDUCATION

State reimbursement received: \$117.3 million  
Actual expenditures: \$143.9 million

A difference of:  
**- \$26.5 million**  
(or 123%)

## GIFTED & TALENTED

State reimbursement received: \$2.6 million  
Actual expenditures: \$10.1 million

A difference of:  
**- \$7.5 million**  
(or 388%)

## DYSLEXIA

State reimbursement received: \$5.1 million  
Actual expenditures: \$11.3 million

A difference of:  
**- \$6.1 million**  
(or 219%)

## CCMR

State reimbursement received: \$4.6 million  
Actual expenditures: \$6.5 million

A difference of:  
**- \$1.9 million**  
(or 141%)

## SCHOOL SAFETY ALLOTMENT

State reimbursement received: \$4.7 million  
Actual expenditures: \$35.3 million

A difference of:  
**- \$30.5 million**  
(or 743%)

## TOTAL

State reimbursement received: \$134.6 million  
Actual expenditures: \$207.3 million

A difference of:  
**- \$72.7 million**  
(or 154%)

Dallas ISD is facing a significant budget deficit of approximately \$186 million, even after making extensive cuts, such as reducing more than 250 staff positions. The State of Texas is in a unique position to have a \$20 billion surplus available and Dallas ISD requests that state lawmakers Fund Schools First during the 89th legislative session.