



KELLER ISD'S POLICY PRIORITIES 89TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING

Increase the Basic Allotment

Current \$6,180 amount has not increased since 2019, despite record inflation.

Increase Teacher Compensation

School districts should not be forced to choose between funding teacher salaries and student programming.

Fund Schools Based on Enrollment

Texas schools only receive funding for average daily attendance (ADA) but must prepare for 100% of students showing up each day and staff accordingly.

Fund State Mandates to Reflect Actual Costs

Keller ISD pays more than \$52 million to meet annual state mandates that provide inadequate funding or often no funding at all.

Provide Transparency & Accountability for Recapture Funds

Neither the Texas Comptroller nor the Texas Education Agency delineate where the approximately \$3 billion in recaptured property taxes is used.

ADOPT ADAPTABLE STUDENT ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY

Provide Flexibility in Summative Assessments

STAAR costs taxpayers \$90 million and provides just a single data point. More cost-effective assessment tools exist that more accurately track student progress.

Ensure Accessibility of Testing

No two students are the same, and all testing models should consider students' varying learning needs and technological capabilities.

CENTRALIZE OVERSIGHT OF SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

Take Burden Off Schools to Determine Library Book Appropriateness

Task the Texas Education Agency with creating an ongoing list of books prohibited in school libraries due to the requirements implemented in the 88th Legislative Session. It would cost Keller ISD alone \$4.2 million in employee time to comply with HB 900 (88th).

