



89TH PRIORITIES FOR THE TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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& the strength of our community*

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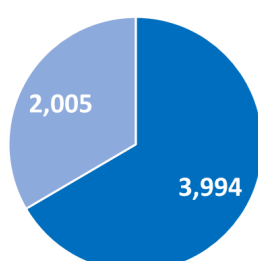
The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with the most current information on the 89th Legislative Session, as it relates to public education and CFISD's Legislative Priorities. Be sure to stay informed and engaged!



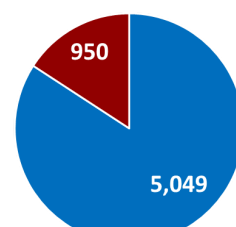
BILLS BY THE NUMBERS

5,999
total bills filed

■ House
■ Senate



■ Other
■ Education



BILLS TO WATCH

SENATE

- **SB 26 (Creighton): Teacher pay increase** (passed out of Senate; moves to House)
 - Teachers with 3 or 4 years of experience
 - \$5,000 for teachers in districts with < 5,000 students
 - \$2,500 for teachers in districts with > 5,000 students
 - Teachers with 5 years or more of experience
 - \$10,000 for teachers in districts with < 5,000 students
 - \$5,500 for teachers in districts with > 5,000 students
 - Increases participation in Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) from 33% to 50%.
 - Increases the number of designations and amount of allotments
 - Classroom teachers eligible for tuition-free pre-K
- **SB 19 (Middleton): Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying** (left pending in State Affairs Committee)
 - Prohibits school districts from spending public funds to hire lobbyists to speak on their behalf before members of the Texas Legislature or paying nonprofit state associations or other organizations that engage in lobbying activities in Texas.
- **SB 12 (Creighton): Parental Rights and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** (left pending in Senate K-16 Committee)
 - Prohibits "infringement" of parental rights
 - Prohibits diversity, equity, and inclusion in public schools
 - Allows students to transfer to any public school district in the state based on available capacity
 - Increases Parental transparency and accountability
 - Establishes an appeals process for parent grievances
 - Prohibits instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity
- **SB 686 (Paxton): Student Transfers between School Districts** (left pending in Senate K-16 Committee)
 - Allows students to transfer to any public school district in the state based on available capacity
 - Requires school districts to implement a lottery system if more transfer applications received than available capacity
 - Establishes approval and revocation criteria
 - Establishes campus capacity guidelines
 - Includes reporting requirements for campus capacity, number of transfer applications received and denied

This past Tuesday, members of our Board of Trustees and District Leadership Team traveled to Austin to meet with our legislative delegation. It was a great opportunity to share CFISD's legislative priorities. Please see more photos from the day at the Capitol on the next page.



Board Members: Todd LeCompte, Lucas Scanlon, Justin Ray, Dr. Natalie Blasingame, and Julie Hinaman
Admins: Matt Morgan, Teresa Hull, Superintendent: Dr. Doug Killian, Karen Smith, Leslie Francis, Christina Cole

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, March 4, 8:00 a.m.

- House Public Education Committee Hearing: watch livestream [here](#).
- HB 2: Public School Finance

Wednesday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.

- Senate Finance Committee Hearing: watch livestream [here](#).
- SB 260: Safety and Security Allotment

Thursday, March 6, 8:00 a.m.

- House Public Education Committee Hearing: watch livestream [here](#).
- HB 2: Public School Finance

Tuesday, March 11, 8:00 a.m.

- House Public Education Committee Hearing: watch livestream [here](#).
- HB 3: Education Savings Accounts



CFISD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Fully fund school districts that offer a Local Optional Homestead Exemption (LOHE).
- Increase the School Safety Allotment.
- Increase the Special Education Allotment.
- Increase the Transportation Allotment.

View additional details on the CFISD Legislative Priorities at: www.cfisd.net/89leg

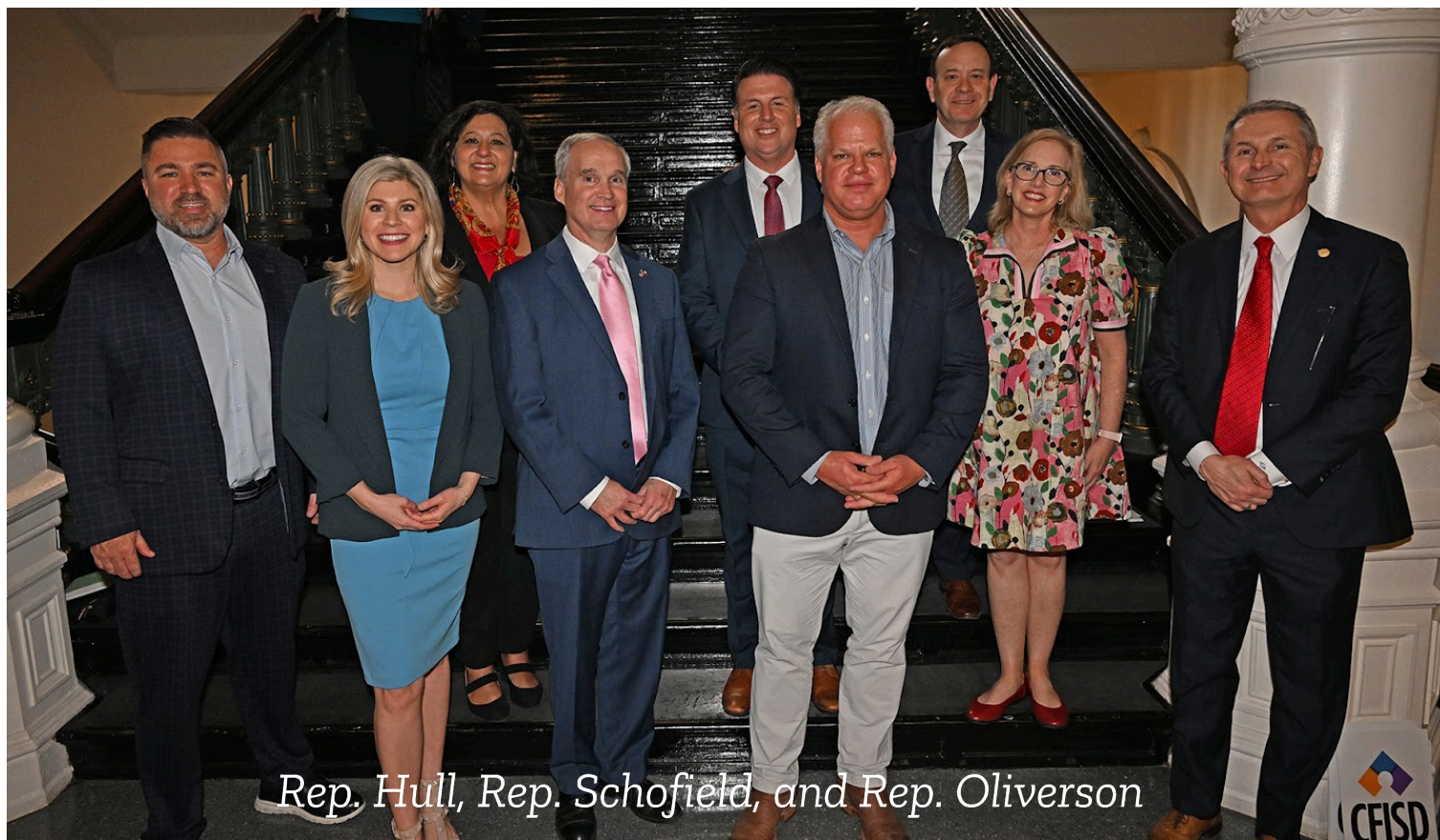
The legislative priorities were researched and developed by the CFISD Board of Trustees.

WHO REPRESENTS ME?

- Utilize the Texas Legislature's helpful "Who Represents Me?" web tool to enter your address and find out which lawmakers serve you.
- Access and save their contact information so you can easily reach out about key issues during the legislative session.
- Scan the QR code to access this tool.



CFISD AT THE CAPITOL



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Sen. Paul Bettencourt



Ron Hickman (Rep. Sam Harless' staff)



Rep. Molly Cook



Rep. Lacey Hull



Sen. Lois Kolkhorst's office



Rep. Oliverson & Rep. Schofield



Rep. Mike Schofield



CFISD Trustees & Dr. Killian were recognized in the House Gallery



CFISD Staff

COMMUNICATION TIPS

89th Legislative Session

Stay connected and let your voice be heard on issues affecting public education.

1 Log on to Texas Legislature Online capitol.texas.gov

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Legislative Activity
Video Broadcasts: House | Senate
Today's Calendars: House | Senate | All
Today's Meetings: House | Senate | All
Today's Filed Bills: House | Senate | All
Today's Votes: House | Senate

Legislative Process
How a Bill Becomes Law
How to Follow a Bill
Dates of Interest | Glossary
End of Session Deadlines

Redistricting
Texas Redistricting Website
DistrictViewer
Senate Special Committee on Redistricting

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Bills Authored/Sponsored:
Authorized/Included:
• Joint (P)
• Co-Author (P)
Sponsored/Included:
• Joint (P)
• Co-Sponsored (P)

Committees:
Community Safety, Select
Health Care Reform, Select
Homeland Security & Public Safety
House Administration
Licensing & Administrative Procedures

District 126 Analyses:
District Map (PDF)
District Profile Reports:
• (PDF)
• Population Analysis
• (PDF)
• School Districts (PDF)
• Precincts within Districts (PDF)
• Election Analysis (PDF)
• ZIP Codes by District (PDF)

Counties Represented:
Harris (part)

Email

- Select your representative and locate email button to send message.
- Be sure to include in the message whether or not you support the specific bill you are addressing.

2 Access the TLO mobile site

Texas Legislature Online

Session Times

Calendars
Floor Calendars, Agendas

Committee Schedules
Meeting Time, Location, Agenda

Committee Requests for Information
Request Notices and Responses

House Witness Registration
How to Register, Account Maintenance

Committees
Clerk Info, Membership

Members
Contact Info, Committee Assignments

Bill Lookup

- Enter www.txlegis.com into your mobile device browser for a mobile-friendly version of the website

3 Share info with your contact groups statewide via email and social media.

When sharing info, remember to:

- Encourage others to contact legislators.
- Follow up and stay in touch.
- Be brief and be informed.
- Provide talking points.
- Stay focused and give examples.

KEEP IN MIND

Legislators review ALL communication submitted to them by their constituents and look for the “Yays” and “Nays” of each bill.

