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1 STRENGTHEN PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING

Ensure state funding reflects the actual cost of educating students, operating schools, and meeting state requirements.

- Increase the Basic Allotment and provide appropriate funding for small- and mid-sized districts to reflect inflation and rising operational costs.
- Modernize and fully fund student transportation.
- Fully fund state-mandated programs and requirements rather than shifting those costs to local districts and taxpayers.
- Reform recapture and provide greater transparency regarding how recapture dollars are collected and distributed.
- Ensure state tax compression is accompanied by sufficient state funding so property-tax relief does not reduce resources available to students.

2 EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Support policies that expand educational opportunity while recognizing student growth and multiple measures of success.

- Fully fund high-quality, full-day Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4.
- Increase flexibility for Pre-K partnerships
- Allow children of public school educators to access state-funded Pre-K in the district where their parent works.
- Create an accountability system that emphasizes student growth and multiple measures of success rather than relying primarily on standardized assessments.
- Reduce unnecessary high-stakes testing burdens on students.
- Establish consistent accountability and transparency expectations across publicly funded education options.



Lake Dallas Independent School District LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 90TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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3 SUPPORT SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOLS

Provide sustainable resources and workforce solutions that allow districts to meet state safety requirements and protect students and staff.

- Increase the School Safety Allotment to reflect the actual cost of implementing state safety requirements, including consideration of funding at **\$100 per student and \$40,000 per campus**.
- Fully fund mandated safety expenses, including infrastructure, security personnel, emergency technology, training, threat assessment, prevention, and mental health supports.
- Allow licensed school district peace officers to transfer eligible prior law-enforcement service into TRS to support recruitment and retention.

4 PRESERVE LOCAL DECISION MAKING

Protect the ability of locally elected school boards and communities to make decisions that reflect the needs of their students, staff, families, and taxpayers.

- Preserve the authority of locally elected Boards of Trustees over budgets, staffing, programs, operations, and instructional priorities.
- Limit unfunded and unnecessarily restrictive state mandates.
- Provide districts flexibility in implementing state requirements based on local needs and circumstances.
- Maintain meaningful local oversight of public education decisions.

Small town atmosphere. Big school opportunities.