• Modernize and simplify the school finance system to create a more transparent and equitable system to serve the 5.4 million students in Texas, pre-kindergarten to grade 12.

• Update school funding weights, allotments, and adjustments, such as the Cost of Education Index, to support the true cost of educating Texas Students. The current CEI was adopted in 1990.

• Ensure funding for public education that is provided through property taxes be used solely for public education and not transferred to other state initiatives. Annually fully disclose to taxpayers what amount of their property taxes are used to fund public schools.

• Increase funding for the Technology and Instructional Materials Allotments (TIMA) to ensure Texas students have adequate technology and instructional materials to be future-ready.

• Fund at least 50 percent of Foundation School Program formula with state funding, reducing heavy reliance on local property taxes. Oppose any cap on property taxes if not paired with school finance improvement to adequately fund public education.

• Support local discretion on spending to ensure the unique needs of students, staff, and communities are met.

• Fund full-day quality pre-Kindergarten programs.

• In a time of tremendous growth across Texas in the student population, and with the aging of school facilities built decades ago, increase funding for Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA), Existing Debt Allotment (EDA), and the New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA). The current EDA and NIFA were created in 1999. Oppose additional funding for charter school facilities unless adequate funding is provided to traditional public schools.

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• Increase funding for school safety initiatives.

• Advocate for flexibility in how districts utilize funds to meet the unique needs of local schools and communities.

• Increase state funding for TRS-ActiveCare and TRS-Care so benefits for and contributions from school district employees are equivalent to those enjoyed by state employees under the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

• Oppose the transfer of public funds--vouchers, education savings accounts, tax credit scholarships, and tuition grants for special populations--to entities that do not follow the same transparency and accountability requirements governing independent school districts.

• Require the State Board of Education to streamline the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, in each subject and at each grade level, to align with what can be taught within a typical school year and/or prior to state-mandated tests within the given school year.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Benjamin Franklin
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