



Floresville ISD - 2021 Legislative Priorities

ASSESSMENTS and ACCOUNTABILITY

- Advocate for the establishment of a comprehensive accountability system that looks beyond high stakes, multiple-choice exams to meaningful assessments that have value for students, parents, and teachers, as well as flexible measures that local communities value.
- Oppose A-F campus and district ratings that over simplify the complex work of schools and incentivizes teaching to the test.
- Advocate that the state students assessment program be limited to only those assessments required to meet ESSA (federal) requirements.

BROADBAND

- Develop a plan to expand affordable broadband access in five years or less.

EDUCATION SERVICE CENTERS

- Continued funding of Education Service Centers.

FINANCE

- Protect a district's ability to maintain a healthy fund balance without penalties or mandates on use of fund balance.
- Sustain funding for House Bill 3 (86th legislation).
- Ensure that new monies are identified and provided to cover the cost of new legislation.
- Discontinue the funding advantage to charter schools and require the same enrollment and disciplinary rules as traditional public schools.
- Empower the State Board of Education or local school boards to oversee charter school expansion to ensure public input and spending efficiency.
- Pause the expansion of charters until they receive the same funding as traditional schools and serve a population of students that is representative of the community in which they are located.
- Advocate for tying charter school "small and midsize allotment to the same 5,000 student cap as the district small and midsize adjustment.

GOVERNANCE

- Oppose legislation or measures that seek to limit school districts' or administrators' ability to have representation before the Texas Legislature, state agencies and the executive branch.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Support increased state funding for mental health resources and services for students and staff in public schools to improve their physical and psychological well-being.

TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM

- Protect the Teacher Retirement System by continuing the current defined benefit pension program.
- Protect TRS Insurance plans (TRS-Care and TRS ActiveCare) by advocating for increased funding.
- Continue to allow alternatives to TRS-ActiveCare.