

Denton ISD Legislative Priorities

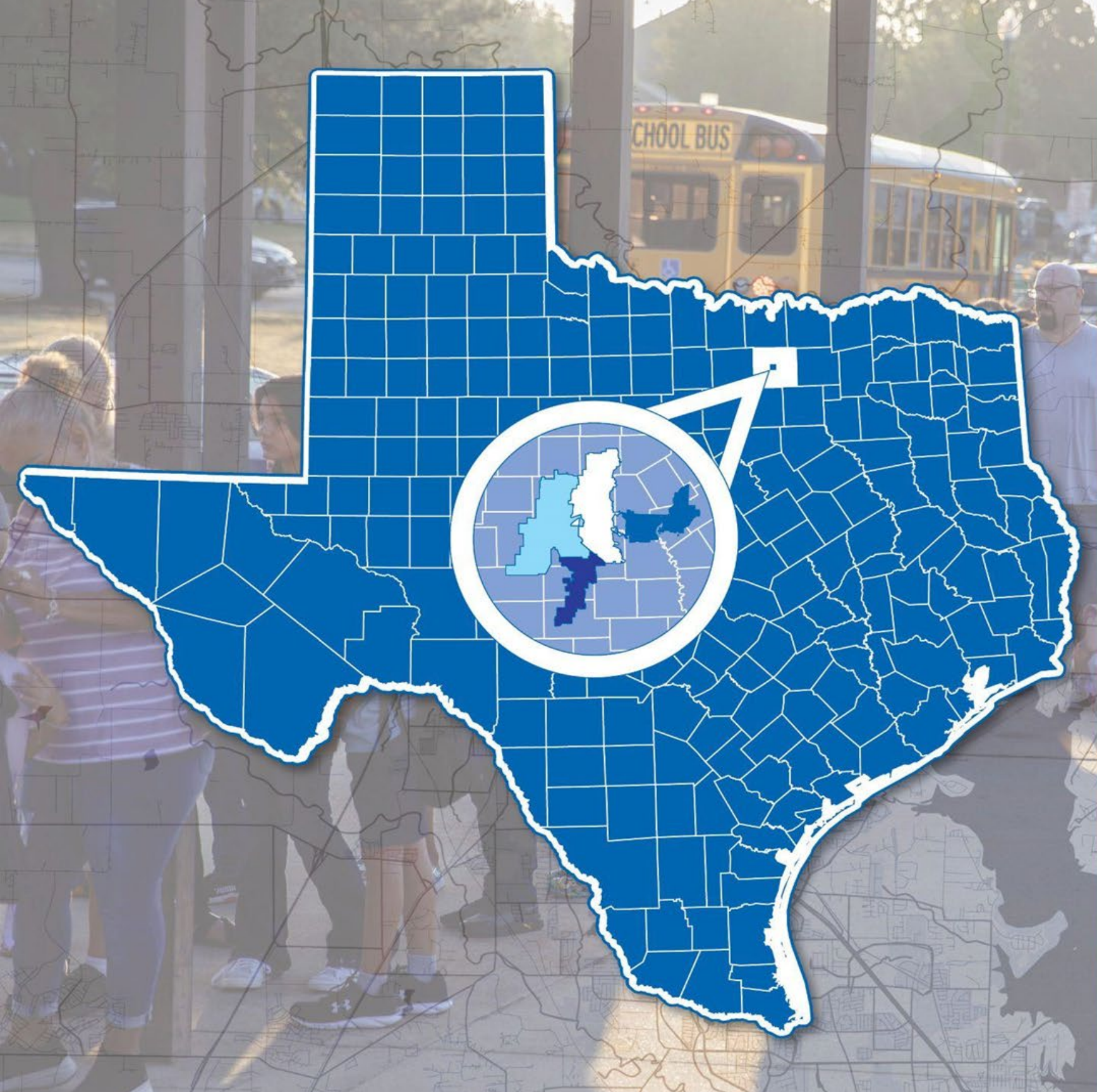
An overview of our district's legislative efforts, progress, and ways for our community to get involved.





“A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools.”

The Texas Constitution
Article 7, Section 1



The Places and Communities We Serve:

Argyle
Aubrey
Bartonville
Copper Canyon
Corinth
Cross Roads
Denton
Double Oak
Lantana
Little Elm
Oak Point
Paloma Creek
Prosper
Providence
Robson Ranch
Savannah
Shady Shores
Union Park



186 sq. miles
33,372 students
4,690 Educators/Staff
45 Campuses (PreK-12)

Denton ISD Board Goals

Students will graduate college, career, and/or military ready.

Students will be engaged in extra/co-curricular activities.

Students will demonstrate evidence of reading on grade level by the end of 3rd grade.



Students will demonstrate evidence of mastery of Algebra I by the end of 9th grade.

Families and our communities are highly engaged.

Staff members are highly engaged.



Congratulations

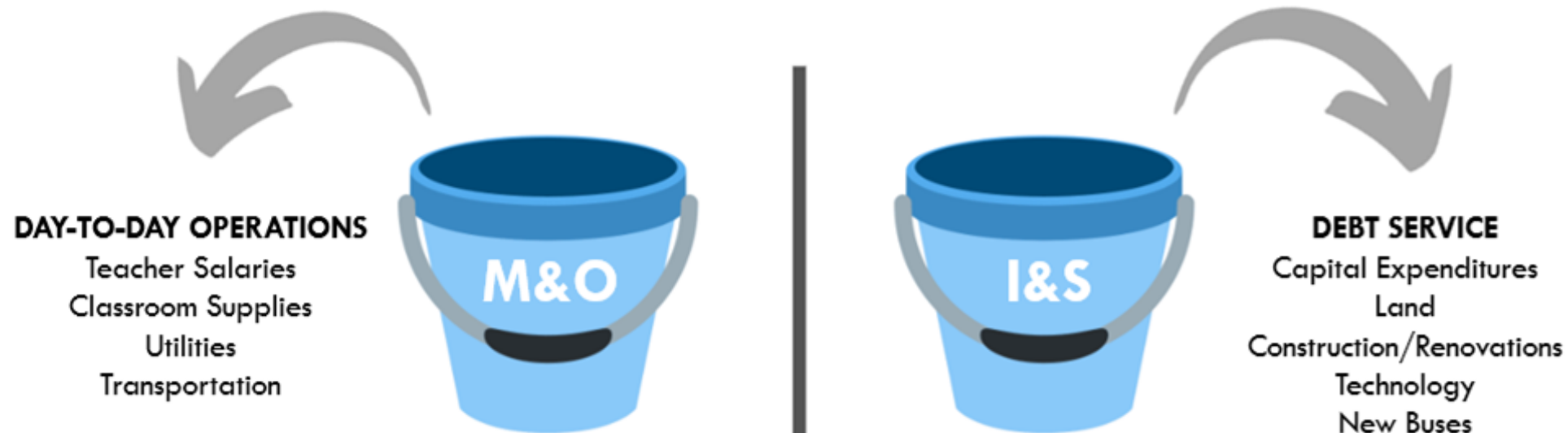
to the Class of 2024 Braswell High, Denton High, Fred Moore High, Guyer High, LaGrone Academy and Ryan High graduates!



Texas Public School Finance



Two “Buckets” of State Funding



The size of the M&O “bucket” is based on average student attendance and student attributes - **not the amount of property taxes collected locally**

TEA sets the Maximum Compressed Rate (MCR) annually for the District

The Board of Trustees sets the I&S tax rate based on debt service payment requirements

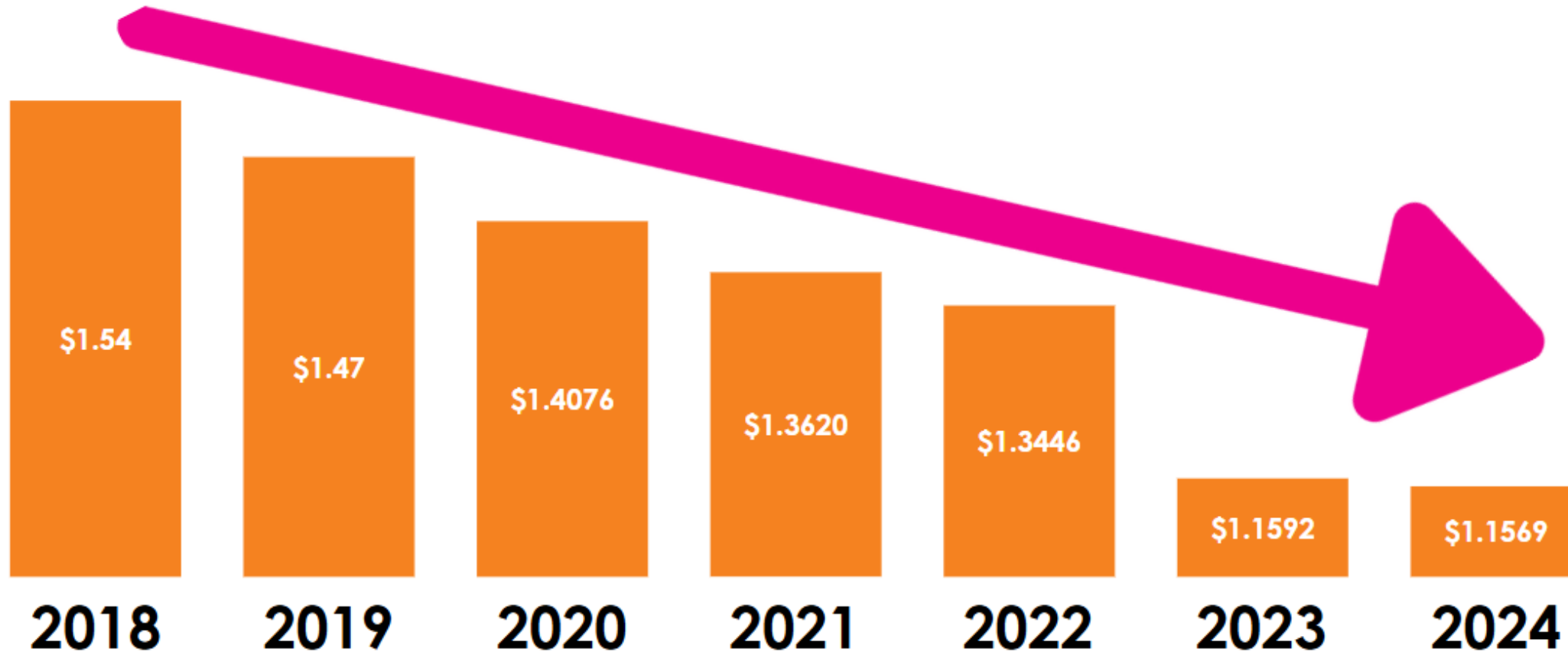
The I&S rate is capped at \$0.50 (per \$100/valuation)

What is the **tax** impact?



A state homestead exemption reduces a home's taxable value by \$100,000. Therefore, the taxable value of an average home in Denton ISD (about \$465,000) would be \$365,000.

Denton ISD Adopts Lowest Tax Rate in More Than a Decade



School taxes, by the glass

Since the district's property values have been increasing, Denton ISD receives less funding from the state.

Less State Aid

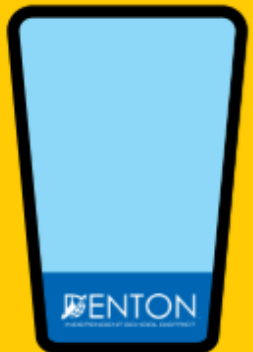
Greater Property Tax Revenue



Local property taxes fill the glass first, and the state fills in any space that is left.

State Aid

Property Tax Revenue



TEXAS RANKS IN THE BOTTOM 10 IN PER PUPIL SPENDING



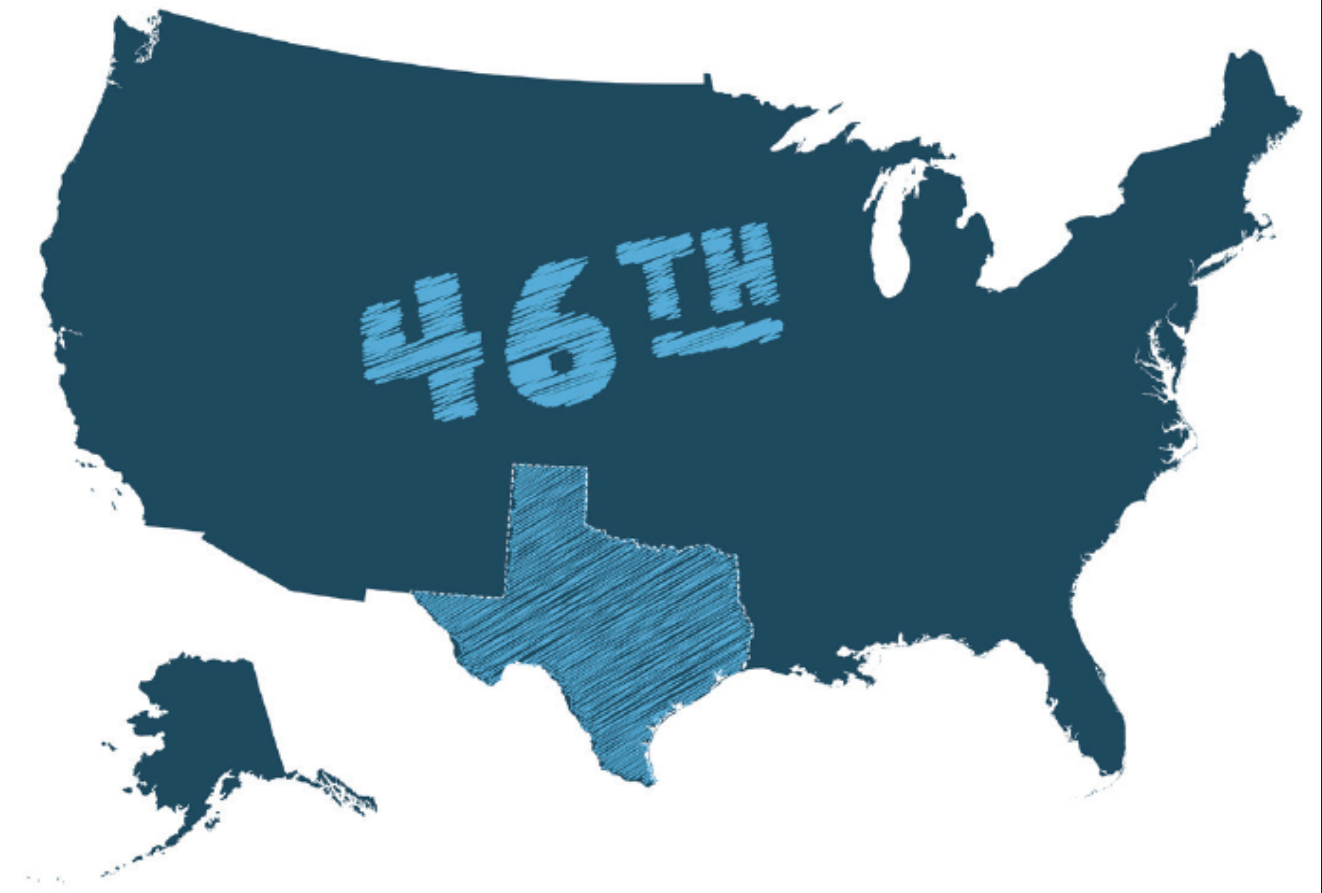
Texas Continues to Rank in the Bottom 10 in School Funding

Texas continues to rank in the bottom 10 states nationally for state spending on education, trailing the national average by over \$4,400 per student.² The long-lasting impact of underfunding our public schools is profound.

Investment in education is crucial. The Legislature alone holds the power to adjust school funding to meet the demands of the 2025 economy and support students' unique and varied needs.

Every legislative session, the state saves billions from local home and business property value growth, but the Legislature is not reinvesting these billions of dollars back into public education. Texas has an equalized school funding system, meaning when local school taxes increase, the state has to contribute less money unless it increases school funding formulas. The state saved over \$8 billion last legislative session because it did not increase any of the major funding formulas driving our spending per student.

Texas Ranking: 2024 NEA State Rankings Report ¹



How much does a district receive?



A District is funded using a formula that is set in state statute and is based on the number of students enrolled, student demographics, attendance and the school's participation in special programs.

The district funding formula includes:

- **Basic allotment** – \$6,160 per student and does not include an inflation factor
- **Average Daily Attendance (ADA)** – average number of students who come to class on any given day
- **Weighted-student units** – student populations that need more educational resources including those classified as at-risk, economically disadvantaged, bilingual, special education, gifted and talented, career and technical education, and dyslexia.

Student Attendance is important!

When students come to class, they not only increase their learning opportunities, but they also increase their district's state funding for the year.

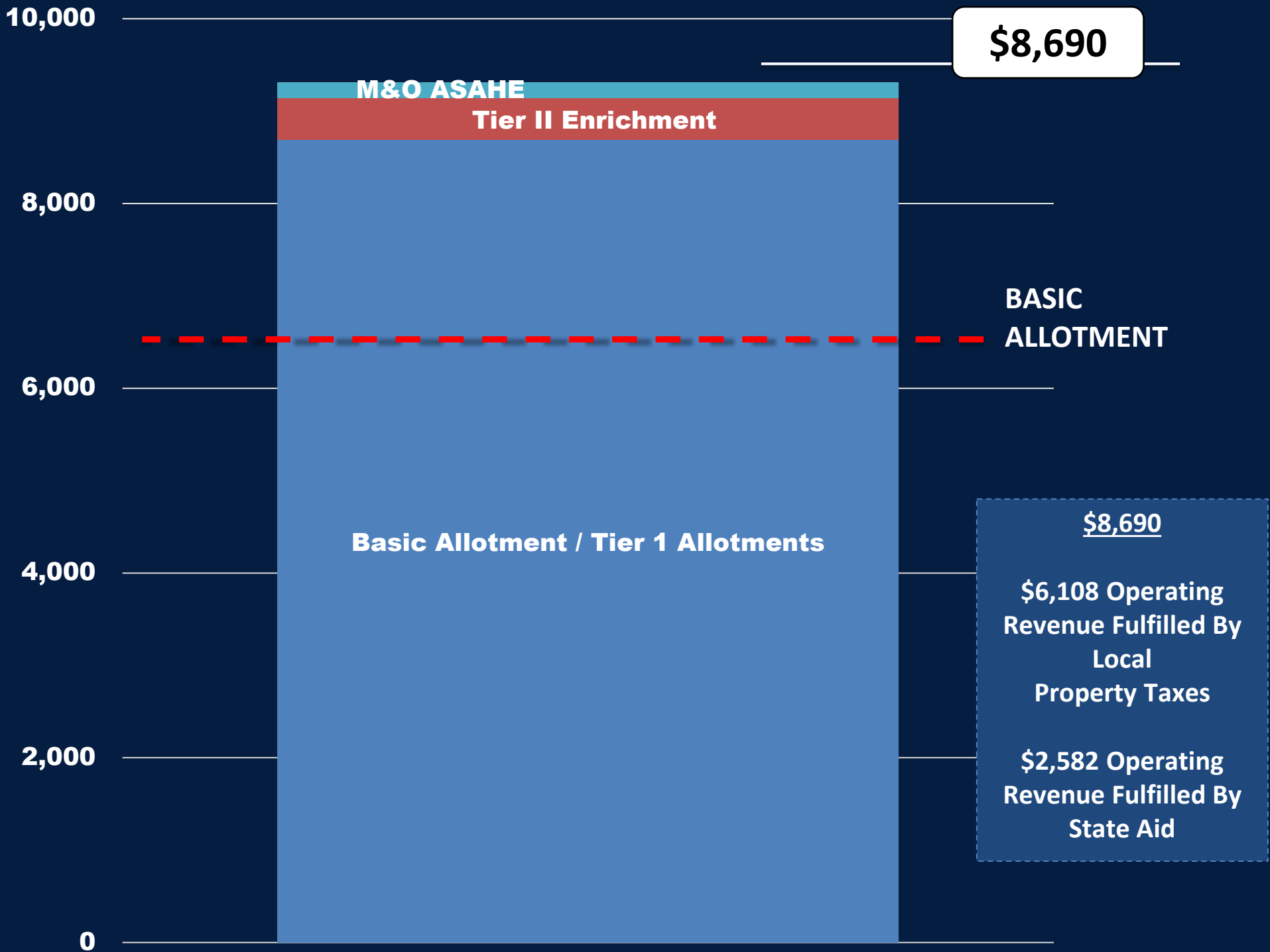
If the district increased its average daily attendance by only 155 students, the district's state funding would increase by approx. \$1.2 million, which means more funds for the activities that are important to you and your family.

However, a decrease of 310 students in average daily attendance for the school year would earn the district approx. \$2.1 million less in state funding.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Date	Time

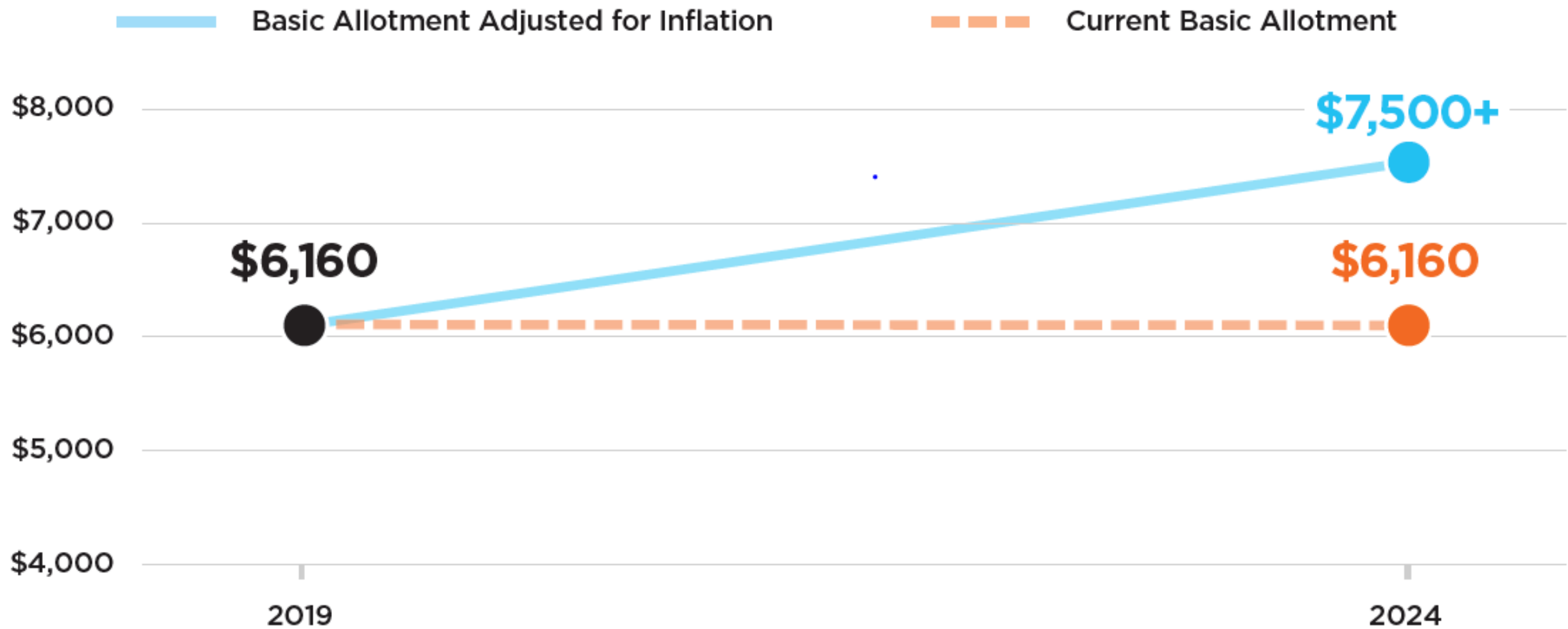
**DENTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023-2024 REVENUE PER AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE
AVAILABLE FOR DAILY OPERATION**



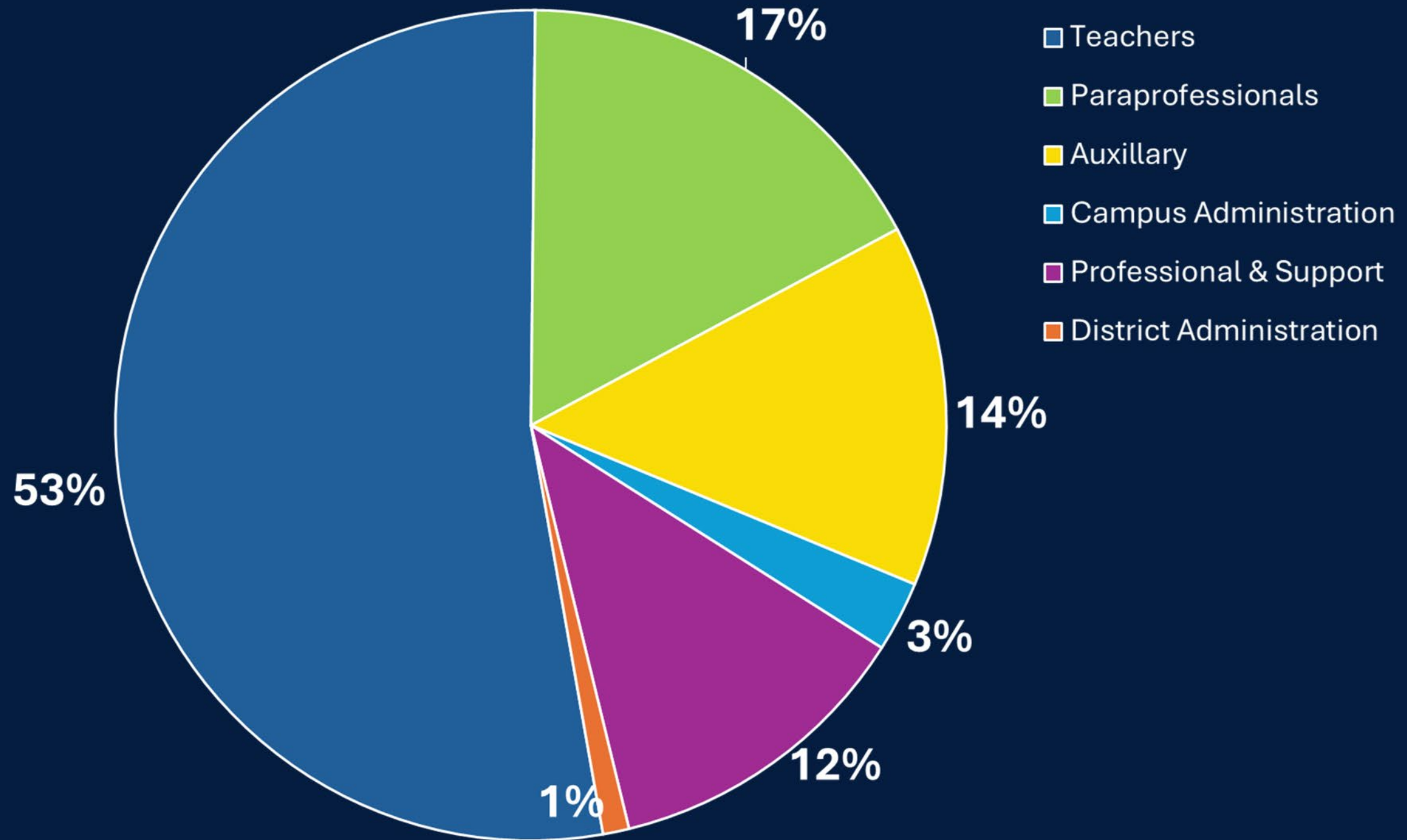
Basic Allotment



Keep Pace with Inflation: Unlock Texas School Funding



DENTON ISD STAFF COMPOSITION





Budgetary Pressures

Since the beginning of the 23-24 School Year:

- **\$6,592,071** School Health and Related Services (SHARS) loss of funding
- **\$7,438,226** Transportation funding gap
- **\$4,440,228** Safety and Security requirements annual funding gap from House Bill 3 (88th Regular Session)
- **\$256,338** Denton County Appraisal District cost increase
- **\$2,529,103** (and climbing) Utilities cost increase
- **\$1,545,452** Property Casualty Insurance cost increase
- **\$10,000,000** in raises in 2023 based on assurances that the \$4 billion in the state budget would be flowed to public schools

\$32,801,418
TOTAL
BUDGET
IMPACT

Where Denton ISD Stands



2024-2025 Expenditures: **\$342,048,541**

2024-2025 Revenue: **\$322,131,145**

2024-2025 Deficit Budget: **\$19,917,396**

DEFICIT AREAS AND FUNDING GAPS



Denton ISD

Texas

\$2,490,955



Pre-K Programming

\$460,000,000

\$9,859,333*



Special Education

\$2,150,000,000

\$7,438,226



Transportation

\$1,700,000,000

\$4,440,228



Safety and Security

\$750,000,000

Denton ISD Legislative Priorities:

1

Increased Funding

In order to continue providing excellent opportunities for students and value our teachers.

2

Sensible Accountability

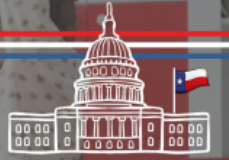
Reduction in mandatory assessments and reliance on high stakes testing.

3

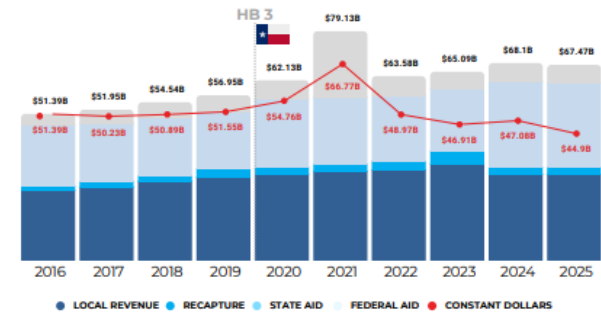
Local Control over Student Discipline

Provide local authority to address disruptive students that affect others' learning or compromise safety.

2025 DENTON ISD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED A **\$1,340** INCREASE IN THE BASIC ALLOTMENT TO MAKE UP FOR INFLATION SINCE 2020



The basic allotment is the primary mechanism used to fund Texas public schools. Every increase in the basic allotment, triggers additional funding for key programs and state priorities.



A \$1,340 INCREASE WOULD PROVIDE THE DISTRICT WITH AN ADDITIONAL:

\$5,000 AVERAGE TEACHER COMPENSATION

\$8.7M FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

\$816K FOR SCHOOL SAFETY

BASED ON CURRENT ESTIMATES

IN 2024-2025, OUR DISTRICT COSTS EXCEED STATE FUNDING FOR SEVERAL IMPORTANT AREAS:

-\$2.5M Pre-K Programs

-\$9.9M Special Education

-\$7.4M Transportation

-\$4.4M Safety & Security

Denton ISD calls for local control and locally determined frameworks for

SENSIBLE ACCOUNTABILITY

along with a reduction in both mandatory state assessments and high stakes in the A-F rating system that impact students, teachers, and schools.

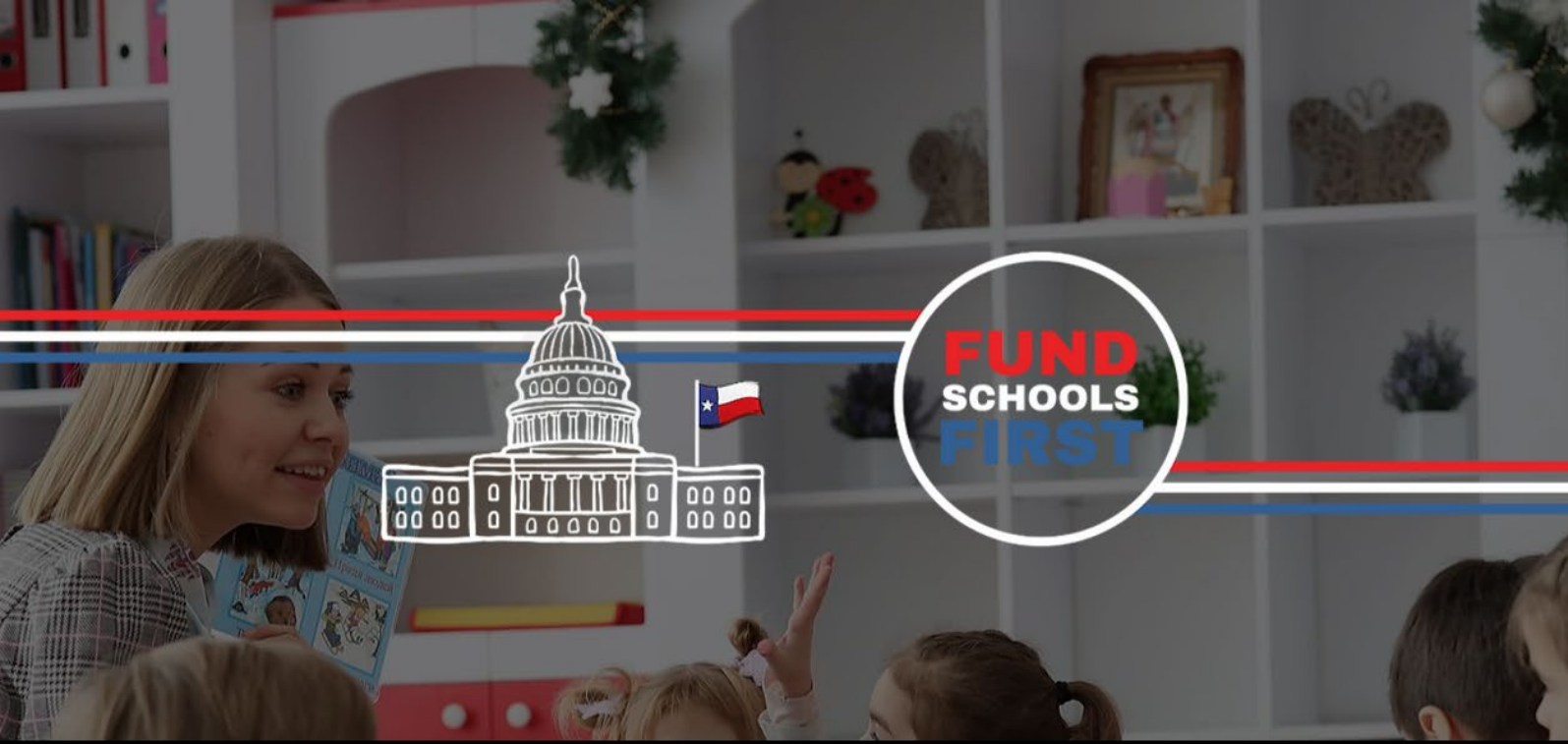
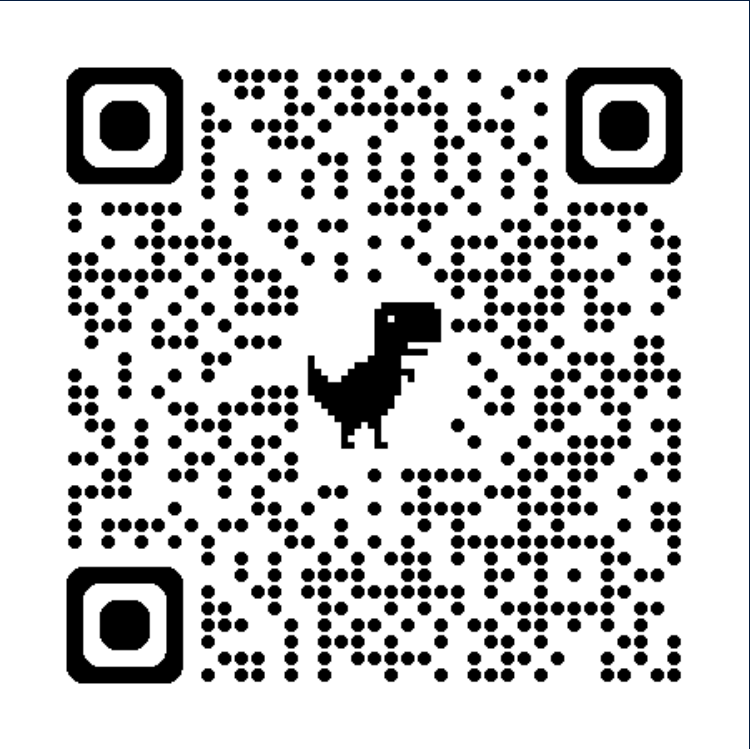
THE EXPANSION OF CHAPTER 37 HAS REDUCED LOCAL CONTROL OVER STUDENT DISCIPLINE.

SCHOOLS NEED THE AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS DISRUPTIVE STUDENTS WHO AFFECT OTHERS' LEARNING OR COMPROMISE SAFETY.



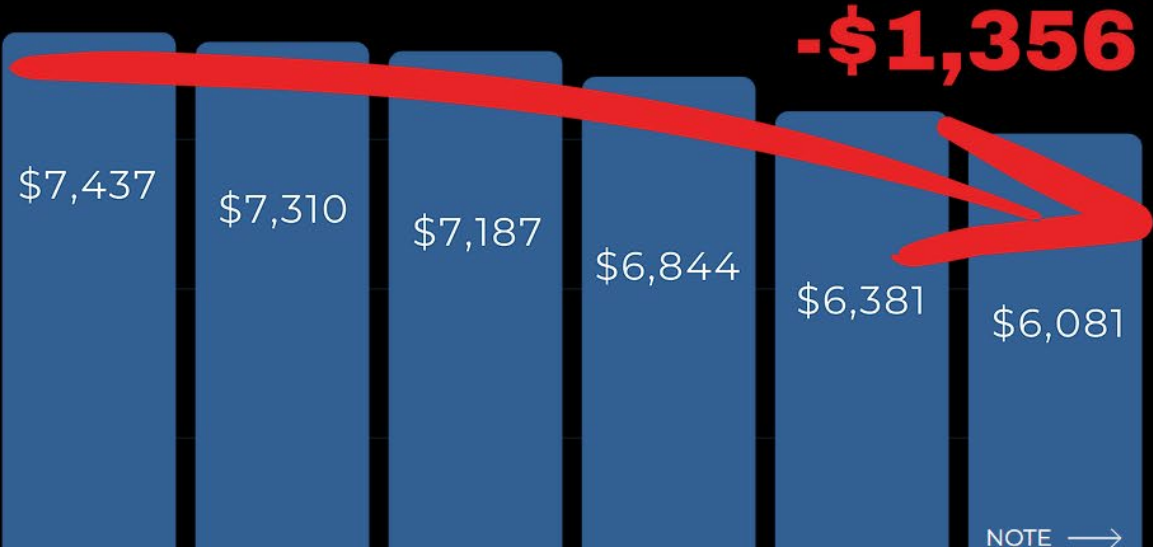
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

FUND SCHOOLS FIRST WEBSITE

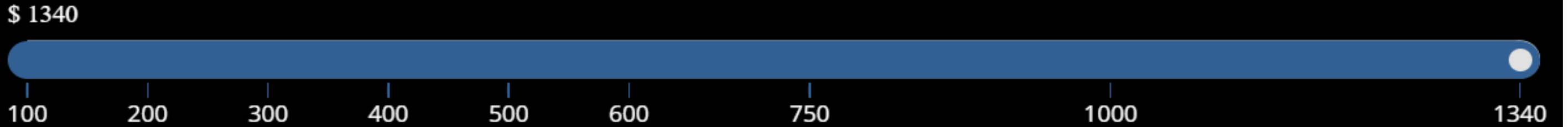


TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED A **\$10 BILLION** INCREASE TO ANNUAL FUNDING TO MAKE UP FOR INFLATION SINCE 2020

INFLATION ADJUSTED PER-WADA FUNDING



Increase in the Basic Allotment



Average Raise for Teachers, Counselors, Librarians, & Nurses

\$5,505

Special Education Allotment Increase

\$1.38 Billion

School Safety Allotment Increase

\$133.9 Million

Decrease in Recapture

-\$788 Million

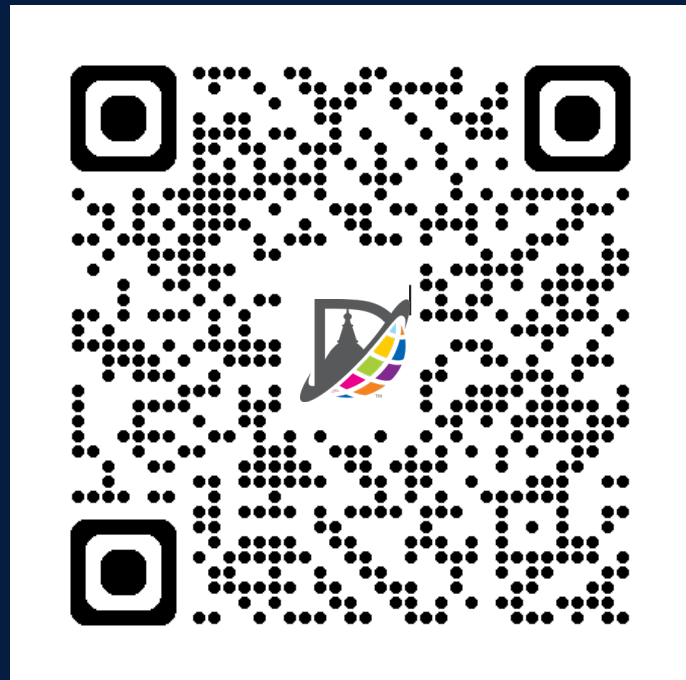


Transparency in Denton ISD

Denton ISD is focused on ensuring transparency throughout this educational budget planning process.

All meeting information can be accessed at:

www.dentonisd.org/1925



DENTON
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

1925 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1925 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1925 Home

Committee

Values
Growth & Management... In pursuit of excellence, we value utilizing citizens' advisory committees to focus on short and long-term tasks.

Committee Objective
This Committee is being created to understand Texas School Finance, evaluate staffing formulas and programming, analyze budgeted allocations of resources to current District programs, and offer feedback to the District's executive cabinet regarding how to prioritize reductions to budgeted expenditures and to maximize revenues in order to accomplish District budget goals. It is our desire to educate leaders within our community in order to seek input and facilitate informed decision making and advocacy in ways that align with the District's mission, vision and goals.

The 1925 Committee is a valuable group of volunteers who will collaboratively provide input, advice and planning assistance on developing the 2025-2026 Denton ISD Operating Budget. This Committee receives feedback from community members and Denton ISD staff regarding our needs based on educational trends and population.

RAISE How Public Schools in Texas are Funded... PROVIDE...
Watch on YouTube

High-Quality Teachers
Safe and Efficient Facilities
Valued Programs

Edit Page