



# 2023 DENTON ISD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## **STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO RECRUIT & RETAIN QUALIFIED TEACHERS**

- Elevate the teaching profession
- Increase Basic Allotment
- Provide incentives
- Reduce STAAR testing pressure
- Provide funding to compensate student teachers

## **MAKE INVESTMENTS THAT REFLECT THE TRUE COST OF EDUCATING STUDENTS**

- Fund enrollment rather than ADA
- Increase and index Basic Allotment to inflation
- Eliminate unfunded mandates
- Restore state's share of funding to 50% allowing for property tax reduction

## **REFORM STATE ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS TO BETTER MEASURE SUCCESS**

- Expand accountability system indicators
- Remove overall summative rating; keep domain ratings
- Allow flexibility and local discretion to implement HB4545
- Allow students alternative methods to advance through courses without penalizing school districts

## **ENSURE PUBLIC DOLLARS ONLY FUND ACCOUNTABLE & TRANSPARENT SCHOOLS**

- Eliminate two parallel funding tracks for schools
- Schools that receive public dollars have equal, aligned & transparent accountability standards
- More freedom to offer unconventional learning methods & district schools of choice

## **ADVOCATE FOR QUALITY PRE-K PROGRAMING**

- Fully fund pre-K programs by formula or increase in early childhood allotment
- Provide funding for pre-K transportation
- Advocate for pre-K facility funding

## **PROVIDE RESOURCES & FLEXIBILITY FOR DISTRICTS TO IMPROVE CAMPUS SAFETY & SECURITY**

- Increase School Safety Allotment
- Fund School Mental Health Allotment
- Provide flexibility in the use of state funds
- Increase outside resources for mental health



# BY THE NUMBERS

## 32,016

### Enrolled Students

#### Student Ethnic Distribution

White:	46.7%
Hispanic:	31.1%
African- American:	16.5%
Asian:	3.4%
Multi-Ethnic:	1.4%
American-Indian:	<1%
Pacific Islander:	<1%

## 4,463 Employees Across 43 Campuses

- 25 Elementary Schools (PreK-5)
- 8 Middle Schools (6-8)
- 4 High Schools (9-12)
- 3 Early Childhood Centers
- 1 College & Career Academy
- 1 Accelerated High School of Choice
- 1 K-8 Virtual Academy

## \$40 Million in Scholarships Awarded to Senior Class of 2022

### Students By Program

- 96% - Fine Arts
- 53% - Pre-AP/AP Course (Secondary Only)
- 35% - Athletics (Grade 7-12 Only)
- 30% - Career & Technical Education
- 15% - Bilingual/ESL Education
- 11% - Gifted & Talented Education
- 11% - Special Education

- 96.9% High School Graduation Rate
- 87.7% Teacher Retention Rate
- 4,114 PTA Members across the District

## A total of 57 languages in addition to English spoken across the district

## 25 Schools built in the district since 2000

## 18 Communities Served

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

### SAT/ACT Scores

**2020 SAT**  
 District - 1051  
 State - 1010  
 National - 1051

**2020 ACT**  
 District - 21.9  
 State - 20.2  
 National - 20.6

**PreAP/AP - 51%**  
**Athletics - 33%**

## Median Home Values

Denton County: \$370,000 • Collin County: \$395,000

\*According to the quarterly housing report from the Texas Association of Realtors

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## DENTON ISD BOARD GOALS

**Mission Statement:** Empowering lifelong learners to be engaged citizens who positively impact their local and global community.

**Vision Statement:** A premiere destination district committed to excellence in diversity and equity.

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