**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
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.