

Questions for Candidates for State Legislative Office from the Conservative Coalition of Harris County

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Candidate Name	Position for which Candidate is Running
Dan Huberty	State Representative – District 127

Please give your answer to each of the following questions and please include your rationale with each answer. Please be concise and clear.

- Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate for position for which you are running.

Answer:

Community Involvement: I am active in my community, attending and volunteering at events for local nonprofit organizations like FamilyTime Crisis & Counseling Center, Humble Area Assistance Ministries, Mission Northeast, the Humble ISD Education Foundation, FamilyPromise of Lake Houston and many more. I serve on the Board or Directors of the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce and works with the Crosby-Huffman Chamber. My wife and I are Charter Members of the Lake Houston Pachyderm Club and are very active with the Kingwood Area Republican Women's Club. I'm a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus, the Humble Intercontinental Rotary Club and the Kingwood Executive Group. In addition, I serve as a board member of the Be an Angel Fund and the Kingwood Musical Arts Society.

Business Owner: My wife and I are small business owners. We understand how government impacts small businesses across Texas.

Legislative & Leadership Experience:
 Chairman - House Committee on Public Education: 86th Session & 85th Session;
 Sub-Committee on Educator Quality: 84th Session
 Treasurer - Texas House Republican Caucus: 86th Session, 85th Session, 84th Session
 Secretary - Texas House Republican Caucus: 83rd Session

2. Please explain what you believe are the most significant issues in this race, why you are running for this position and what differentiates you from the other candidate(s).
- Answer:**
School Finance: Since the passage of HB 3, there have been some issues with implementation. I intend to fix these problems and continue to reduce the burden of local property taxes on Texans.
Flood Recovery & Mitigation: We must also continue the great work we have done to recover from the devastating floods that inundated our community after Hurricane Harvey. I have worked tirelessly on our recovery which will remain a focus until the Lake Houston area is successfully rebuilt. Specifically, I will renew the state's commitment to our region with the designation of \$30 million for a dredging program in Lake Houston. I am running for reelection to ensure this happens.
3. What will be your top 3 priorities during your upcoming term?
- Answer:** 1. Ensuring the full funding of the public school finance reforms implemented in the 86th Session
2. Making similar reforms to the higher education system to reign in the spending of taxpayer dollars
3. Securing a renewed dedication of dollars for the Lake Houston dredging program to protect this regional water resource
4. The 2020-21 budget for state of Texas is approximately \$250 billion, up about 16% from the 2018-2019 budget. What budget items need to be addressed by state house representatives; what budget areas need to be cut and what taxes and fees need to be increased in the next legislative session?
- Answer:** During the 86th Session we increased funding for public education, address the costs of Hurricane Harvey, reduced property taxes and accomplished it all keeping state spending growth in line with population and inflation growth -- well below all four constitutional spending limits.
5. What are your ideas toward public education funding within Texas? Are there areas where waste can be reduced, areas of revenue enhancement, or ideas to increase efficiencies, since the recent school finance package was approved in the last legislative session?
- Answer:** As the author of HB 3, I am extremely proud of the historic public school finance reforms passed last session. The best features of "The Texas Plan" were vetted through the Commission on Public School. We identified several possible new revenue streams to fund these transformational reforms, including Proposition 7, which was approved by Texas voters, that permits an increased distribution from the Available School Fund. I will continue to work to identify cost savings and additional funding for public education.

6. Please describe what you believe is the proper role for the state government in job creation and intervention in the economy.
- Answer:** States should model themselves after Texas where we have limited regulation, we consistently lower taxes, and we create a competitive environment and let business be entrepreneurial. Government should set appropriate policy and get out of the way.
7. What changes can be made to state agencies to improve productivity, reduce waste and increase efficiencies? Are there are agencies that can be combined or eliminated?
- Answer:** Zero based budgeting is a good start. Our existing Sunset process for all State Agencies exists to review whole agencies on a periodic basis. But state agencies exist to implement the laws created by the legislature through rule-making. The legislature must exercise discipline in expanding the scope of these agencies to truly control costs.
8. What initiatives will you propose to help the voters in your district?
- Answer:** I will continue working with my fellow legislators to fully recover the region. In the last session, I was able to secure \$30 million for dredging in Lake Houston and the San Jacinto River through the Texas Water Development Board. I intend to obtain additional funding to fund this program moving forward. Lake Houston is the water source for the largest city in our State and as such, the State must pay its share for maintenance. I will also again propose the creation of an overarching watershed authority to fully address the continued flooding of our Lake Houston community. This is in addition to my continued work to reform public school finance.
9. In the last legislative session, Lt. Governor Patrick set a [30-bill priority system](#) for the Texas Senate for the 2019-20 session. Is such a list a good idea for setting priorities in the House? If so, what items would you add to such a list?
- Answer:** At the beginning of every session the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker all lay out priorities. Each are helpful in guiding the work of the Legislature. Then 181 members of the Legislature begin laying out bills and gather citizen testimony. Some pass and some fail. Personalities and partisan politics drive the process. The competition of ideas is always in play. I respect the priorities laid out by the "big-three". But the 150 Members of the Texas House will always act as they each weigh the needs and concerns of the voters in their district.
10. If elected, what qualifications will you look for in choosing a new Speaker of the House? Should minority parties be allowed to hold committee chairmanships as done in the past?
- Answer:** I want a Speaker who can work respectfully with members of the Texas House and collaborate with the Governor and Lt. Governor. A successful Speaker will guide the House through their business as efficiently as possible.

11 Assuming you have read the [2018 Texas GOP Platform](#), what recent issues were not covered by the 2018-19 state legislative session and should be addressed in the future?
Answer: [Tax Payer Funded Lobbying](#)

12 Should the city of Houston continue to enjoy extra-territorial jurisdiction, including levying taxes on persons and transactions not in the actual city limits?
Answer: No, and in fact, my HB 802 from the 86th Session would have helped to reign-in municipal authority over unincorporated areas subject to extra taxes levied through Special Purpose Agreements (SPAs). The bill would have allowed any resident of a Municipal Utility District (MUD) that has an existing SPA to vote in the municipality's elections. I plan to file this bill again next session and fully intend on passing it.

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Once this questionnaire has been completed, please email it to:

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Huberty Files for Reelection and Receives Governor Abbott's Endorsement

HUMBLE, TEXAS - State Representative Dan Huberty filed for reelection to House District (HD) 127 this weekend. "It has been my honor to serve the residents of HD 127 in Austin since my initial election in 2010 and I look forward to returning to the Capitol building to continue to represent them," Huberty stated.

Huberty authored and passed monumental public school finance reform in the 86th Legislative Session in the form of House Bill (HB) 3. "HB 3 was the first major rewrite of school finance laws undertaken without the threat of a court order, and it put a stop to decades of patchwork fixes by creating a more equitable public education system," said Huberty.

Following the filing, Governor Greg Abbott announced his endorsement of Huberty's reelection bid stating, "As Chairman of the Public Education Committee, Representative Huberty demonstrated incredible leadership by ushering in monumental reforms to our school finance system. Representative Huberty also helped secure property tax reform, and he has proven to be a trustworthy conservative leader. I urge the people of Harris County to join me in supporting him for re-election."

"I thank Governor Abbott for his endorsement, and I will continue to work with him to build a better future for my constituents, and for all Texans," added Huberty.

Huberty is active in the community. He is a board member of the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Knights of Columbus, and the Humble Intercontinental Rotary club; in addition, he is a board member of the Be an Angel Fund.

He and his wife, Janet, have been married 24 years. They live in Walden on Lake Houston with their two sons, Ryan and Dylan, and yellow labs, Rocky and Bullwinkle. Their eldest child, Brianna, is currently living in Lubbock, TX, while she attends Texas Tech University.

To learn more about the Dan Huberty campaign please visit www.DanHuberty.com

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State Representative Dan Huberty

State Representative Dan Huberty was sworn in to serve District 127 in the Texas House of Representatives on January 11, 2011. He has been re-elected to this seat four times and has served in five legislative sessions. Huberty was named the Chairman of House Committee on Public Education for a second term. He has been lauded as a fair, but firm chairman who runs efficient and effective hearings. He also serves on the House Committee on County Affairs.

Huberty has served on the Committee on Public Education each of his previous sessions and as the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Educator Quality in the 84th Session. In previous sessions, he was a member of the Committees on Pensions, State Affairs and Calendars. He was also served on the Select Committee on Redistricting and a Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures & Finance.

In his role as Chairman, Huberty has championed several very important pieces of legislation relating to public education. The most important being HB 3 in the 86th Session, which implemented transformational reforms to public school finance in Texas by modernizing outdated formulas, increasing the state share of funding, putting more money into classrooms, energizing teacher pay and investing in programs. Also known as "The Texas Plan", the legislation stemmed from a report created by the Commission on Public School Finance, which Huberty was appointed to after creating the entity with HB 21 in the 85th Session.

Huberty has passed meaningful legislation like this in each of his sessions. He was instrumental in bringing the issue of annexation to the forefront of policy discussion during the 85th Session. He fought valiantly for property owners to have a right to vote on whether or not they want to be annexed instead of the being forcefully annexed against their will.

In the 84th Session, he was approached by Governor Abbott to carry House Bill 4, which created a high quality opt-in grant program for prekindergarten in Texas. He successfully passed the bill with overwhelming support in both the House and Senate.

During the 83rd Session, Huberty was successful in passing more than fourteen bills that addressed over-testing of our students in grades 3 – 8; sales options for co-generation facilities, and prohibiting the use of Common Core Curriculum in Texas schools. He was also vital in the passage of The Foundation High School Program, which completely overhauled graduation requirements by setting students on real paths to employment and decreasing the number of end-of-year tests.

In the 82nd Legislative Session, he passed five pieces of legislation, ranging from regulating the illegal sand-mining along the San Jacinto River to abolishing duplicative reporting for special education teachers.

Huberty's successes have earned him many honors. In December 2019, he was nominated for "Texan of the Year" by the Dallas Morning News. Texas Monthly named him one of the "Top 10 Legislators" in the biennial Best & Worst List of 2017, while Capitol Inside named him one of the "Top Texas House

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Floor Fighters" and a "Top Ten Legislator" in 2019, 2017 & 2015. After his first session in 2011, the Texas Monthly Best & Worst Legislator List included him as the "Rookie of the Year". Also, the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce honored him as the Dr. Hayden McKay "Citizen of the Year" in 2016.

Additionally, he has received multiple awards for his individual achievements, including the 2019 TACS Distinguished Service Award, the 2019 TCEA "Friend of Education" award, the 2018 "Key Communicator of the Year" award from the Texas School Public Relations Association, the 2018 TCTA "Friend of Education" Award, the 2017 "Legislator Appreciation Award" from the Fastgrowth School Coalition, the 2015 Associated Builders & Contractors "Free Enterprise Champion" award, the 2015 Texas Association for the Education of Young Children "Elected Official of the Year" award, the 2015 Houston Apartment Association "Distinguished Service Award", the 2015 Texas Association on Business "Champion for Free Enterprise", the 2015 & 2011 Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas "Best of the Texas House" award, the 2011 Academic Language Therapy Association "Champion for Children with Dyslexia" award and the 2011 Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education "Legislator of the Year" award.

All of Huberty's achievements are indicative of his background in education and business. He served on the Humble ISD School board for five years before winning the election that sent him to the Texas Capitol Building. In his last year as a Trustee, he served as the Board President and as the Vice President and Chairman of the Finance Committee the year prior to that.

Huberty currently serves as President and Chief Operating Officer of The Parking REIT, a real estate investment trust where he works to acquire income-producing parking assets. His business expertise has allowed him to work across a variety of sectors, from oil and gas to local real estate. The majority of Huberty's previous work was in the parking industry, most recently serving as an Executive Vice President for a large parking company, but he has also served as a Vice President for a natural gas fueling company. Huberty and wife also manage a large portfolio of commercial and residential buildings.

Active in his community, Huberty is a board member of the Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce; works with the Kingwood Chamber of Commerce and the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and the Humble Intercontinental Rotary club; in addition, he is a board member of the Be an Angel Fund, and is active in organizations for each of his children's schools and their extra-curricular activities.

Dan and his wife, Janet, have been married 24 years and resided in Harris County for the last two decades. They live in Walden on Lake Houston with their sons, Ryan and Dylan, and yellow labs, Rocky and Bullwinkle. Their daughter is a sophomore at Texas Tech University and currently lives in Lubbock. They are active parishioners at Saint Martha's Catholic Church.

Notable accomplishments of the
86TH LEGISLATURE

IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Reformed the broken school finance system by investing \$4.5 billion in education reforms, \$2 billion in dynamic pay raises for educators, and reducing recapture by 47%
- Funded a \$2,000 average 13th check for retired teachers and invested to make the pension actuarially sound
- Devoted \$200 million to make schools safer
- Funded full-day pre-k for low-income students
- Reduced STAAR testing burdens on students and teachers
- Improved training for teachers and administrators to respond to safety threats and recognize the warning signs of human trafficking, child abuse and mental health issues



TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS

- Provided \$5 billion in property tax relief
- Improved property tax notice requirements so taxpayers know in real time who is proposing to raise rates, by how much, and when and where they can go to make their voices heard
- Strengthened public hearing requirements in the property tax and Chapter 312 systems, along with oversight of local bond projects
- Empowered voters to authorize property tax increases above 3.5% for most taxing units
- Created a property tax exemption for those affected by a declared disaster and exempted active duty military from facing penalties for late property tax payments

SEXUAL ASSAULT & TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

- Dedicated funding to eliminate the rape kit backlog, fight online sex trafficking, and support rape crisis centers
- Enhanced penalties for online sex trafficking buyers and for certain crimes of sexual assault and harassment
- Doubled the amount of time for a victim of child sex abuse to pursue civil action against their abuser and established civil immunity for those who report sexual misconduct at charitable organizations
- Enhanced tools for law enforcement to identify repeat offenders and sexual assault patterns across jurisdictions
- Prohibited hospitals from destroying sexual assault exam records until 15 years have passed
- Directed forfeited proceeds from stash houses to go toward services for human trafficking victims



MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

- Dedicated \$7.7 billion to mental health and substance abuse intervention
- Created the Texas Mental Health Consortium to foster partnerships between schools, colleges, and universities with mental health programs
- Established programs to place non-physician mental health professionals at education service centers and expand access to telehealth and child psychiatry networks
- Dedicated funding to train teachers and administrators to identify and intervene when students show signs of mental health issues

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Dedicated over \$2 billion for Hurricane Harvey relief and recovery
- Eased regulatory burdens that slowed response time and debris removal
- Created a disaster task force to improve long-term recovery assistance
- Improved infrastructure and regional planning efforts to better mitigate, control, and recover from floods
- Enhanced emergency management training for state and local personnel
- Bolstered public communications channels, data sharing tools and technology to improve disaster management operations

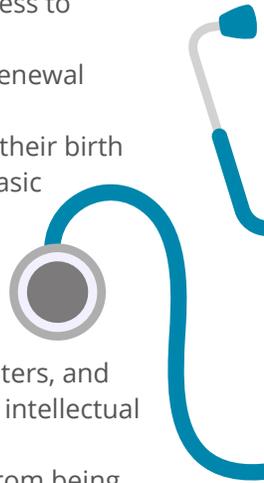
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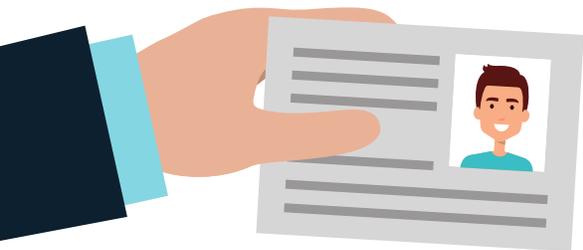
INVESTMENTS IN HEALTH CARE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

- Increased women's health funding by nearly 25% and dedicated long-term funding for newborn screenings
- Improved access to prenatal and postpartum care for pregnant and new mothers, including treatment for postpartum depression and opioid dependency
- Improved access to medication for children with disabilities, expanded resources for families of medically fragile children on Medicaid, and gave parents who adopt a child with a chronic health condition continued access to Medicaid services
- Increased transparency on the safety records of child care centers, strengthened the child care license renewal process, and established an investigation unit to seek out illegally operating facilities
- Permitted homeless youth, unaccompanied minors, and children in foster care to receive a free copy of their birth certificate without parental consent, and ensured pregnant and parenting youth in foster care receive basic parenting education



HEALTH CARE

- Addressed shortfalls in Medicaid, foster care, women's health, state hospitals, state supported living centers, and correctional managed health care, including over \$145 million for programs for adults and children with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) and to increase salaries for Adult Protective Services employees
- Reduced the potential for abuse in nursing homes and long term care facilities by protecting residents from being given antipsychotic medications without appropriate consent
- Established pilot programs to provide long-term support and dental services for those with IDD
- Raised the age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21 and expanded access to medication that counteracts opioid addiction
- Improved access to health care by requiring private health plans to cover telemedicine and added ride-sharing to the Medicaid medical transportation program
- Banned balance billing, cracked down on price gouging and deceptive advertising at freestanding emergency rooms, and passed one of the strongest pharmaceutical drug price transparency laws in the nation



DRIVER'S LICENSE PROGRAM

- Dedicated over \$223 million to reduce wait times, improve customer service, hire new employees, and add three additional driver's license offices statewide
- Established the conditional transfer of the program from DPS to the DMV
- Extended the expiration date of a license from 6 to 8 years

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

- Provided \$6 billion for non-tolled highway construction
- Renewed the Chapter 312 economic development incentive program
- Created a student loan repayment program for peace officers
- Ended restrictions that kept consumers from buying a case of "beer to go" at breweries
- Empowered Texas kids to sell lemonade without a permit
- Eased occupational licensing requirements for military spouses
- Allowed for critically-needed water resources to be developed along the gulf coast
- Increased access to high speed internet in rural areas
- Passed a bill that will give Texans the opportunity to vote on a constitutional amendment banning a state income tax
- Dedicated revenue to restore county courthouses and fund parks and historical sites across Texas

THE TEXAS HOUSE AND SENATE PRESENT: the **TEXAS BUDGET**

BY REMAINING **UNDER ALL FOUR SPENDING LIMITS**, THE TEXAS BUDGET TAKES
A **FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE** APPROACH TO MEETING THE STATE'S PRIORITIES

EDUCATION & PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

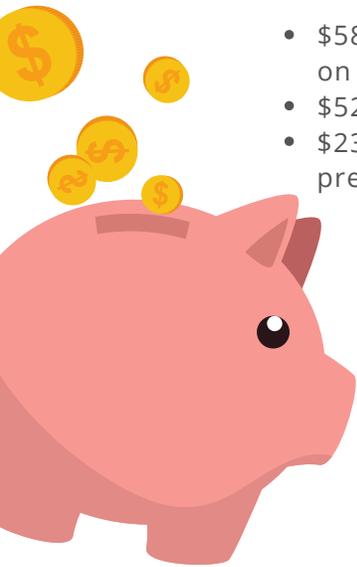
- \$5 billion in property tax relief
- \$4.5 billion for transformational education reforms
- \$2 billion for dynamic teacher compensation
- \$500 million in increased formula funds for all higher education institutions
- \$219m for various special education programs to comply with federal maintenance of financial support
- \$80 million to maintain TEXAS Grants

SCHOOL SAFETY

- \$200 million for school safety improvements including building renovations, added security personnel and technology, emergency response training and more
- \$10.93 million to Santa Fe ISD for improvements in response to the school shooting

RETIRED TEACHERS

- \$589 million to TRS to provide retired teachers with a \$2,000 13th check on average
- \$524 million to make TRS stable and solvent
- \$230.8 million to cover shortfalls and ensure retired teachers' healthcare premiums do not increase



HURRICANE HARVEY & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

- Over \$2 billion from the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) to the Governor's office for disaster grants, the Flood Infrastructure Fund, school districts, higher education institutions, the General Land Office, Soil and Water Conservation Board and Texas Parks and Wildlife for Hurricane Harvey related expenditures
- \$638 million for local matching funds for FEMA Hazard Mitigation and Public Assistance grants related to Hurricane Harvey damage
- \$47 million for state flood risk mapping at the Water Development Board

SEXUAL ASSAULT & HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

- \$56.6 million to eliminate the rape kit backlog and increase crime lab capacity
- \$8.6 million for rape crisis centers and sexual assault nurse examiners to the Office of the Attorney General
- \$27.8 million for human and child sex trafficking investigative squads, anti-gang squads, and regional human trafficking investigative squads at the Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- \$5.5 million for anti human trafficking enforcement unit at the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC)
- \$3.4 million for the expansion of the Human Trafficking Prevention section at the Office of the Attorney General
- \$1.5 million for the creation of a Human Trafficking Team and to increase inspections of establishments with a high risk for human trafficking at the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation



THE TEXAS HOUSE AND SENATE PRESENT: *the* **TEXAS BUDGET**



BORDER SECURITY

- Maintains the 18-19 levels of funding for Border Security Efforts
- \$5 million from the ESF to Texas Parks and Wildlife for equipment to improve game wardens' communication statewide
- \$7.5 million to DPS for Operation Draw Bridge Cameras and 4 analysts for the Transnational Intelligence Center
- \$1.7 million in grants for border prosecution, border zone fire departments and economic development

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES & MENTAL HEALTH

- Covers shortfalls in Medicaid, foster care, women's health, state hospitals, state supported living centers, and correctional managed health care
- 24.3% increase in women's health funding over 18-19 levels
- \$86 million in rate increases for community care and Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) providers, pediatric home therapists, and pediatric private duty nursing
- \$48 million for rate increases and cost growth for Early Childhood Intervention.
- \$11.7 million for salary increases to hire and retain Adult Protective Services workers
- Supports Community Based Care expansion for foster care
- \$7.7 billion for behavioral health and substance abuse services
- Almost \$8m to the Department of State Health Services to include testing for X-ALD (adrenoleukodystrophy) in newborn screening

DRIVER'S LICENSE PROGRAM

- \$210 million for the driver's license program to reduce wait times, improve customer service, hire new employees, and add three additional driver's license offices

TRANSPORTATION

- \$6.1 billion to TxDOT for non-tolled highway construction
- \$86 million to TxDOT for building, construction, and deferred maintenance

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Fully appropriates the sporting goods sales tax to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (94%) and the Texas Historical Commission (6%)
- Provides additional pipeline inspectors and more resources for abandoned well-plugging at the Railroad Commission

MISC.

- \$25 million from the ESF to the Texas Historical Commission for Courthouse Preservation Grants to repair and restore county courthouses throughout Texas



NOTE: THIS SUMMARY INCLUDES SELECT HIGHLIGHTS FROM HOUSE BILL 1 AND SENATE BILL 500, AND IS NOT COMPREHENSIVE.

THE TEXAS HOUSE & SENATE PRESENT:
THE TEXAS PLAN
FOR SCHOOL FINANCE REFORM

PROPERTY TAX **RELIEF**. RECAPTURE **REDUCTION**. EDUCATION **REFORM**.



\$4.5 BILLION

FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL
EDUCATION REFORMS

PUTS MORE MONEY INTO CLASSROOMS TO ACCELERATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Significantly increases the Basic Allotment per student
- Funds full-day Pre-K for low income students
- Adopts high-quality K-3 reading standards so students read at grade level by 3rd grade
- Creates the first dyslexia identification program in Texas history
- Accelerates student achievement via College, Career & Military Readiness (CCMR) outcomes bonuses, dual-language programs, and extended year summer programs for students
- Creates a "Do Not Hire" registry to protect children in the classroom
- Funds transportation at a rate of \$1.00/mile and quadruples funding for building and equipping new facilities
- Directs more funds to schools with higher concentrations of under-served students, including dropouts, students in special education, and residential treatment facilities
- And more!



UP TO \$5 BILLION

IN PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

INCREASES THE STATE'S SHARE OF EDUCATION FUNDING TO LOWER PROPERTY TAXES

- Provides up to \$5 billion in statewide property tax relief
- Lowers school property tax rates by an average of 8 cents in 2020 and 13 cents in 2021
- Provides an additional 2.5% tax compression starting in 2021
- Ensures taxpayer dollars are used responsibly by requiring districts to conduct efficiency audits before going to voters with a tax increase
- Increases the state's share of education funding from 38% to 45%



\$3.6 BILLION*

RECAPTURE REDUCTION

MODERNIZES OUTDATED SCHOOL FINANCE FORMULAS TO REDUCE RECAPTURE

- Reduces recapture payments by \$3.6 billion, a 47% reduction this biennium
- Increases equity within the school finance system
- Gives ISDs the ability to keep more of the money they earn from their local property taxes

**Not an appropriation. The reduction in recapture is a cumulative effect of the \$11.6B investment made in HB 3 to buy down property taxes and reform school finance formulas.*



\$2 BILLION

FOR DYNAMIC TEACHER
COMPENSATION

ENERGIZES TEACHER PAY & INVESTS IN PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE TEACHER QUALITY

- Compensates educators as true professionals by unleashing over \$2 billion in dynamic pay raises for teachers, librarians, counselors, and nurses
- Creates a merit/incentive pay program for high-quality educators to receive additional pay
- Increases the minimum teacher salary schedule
- Invests in professional development and mentoring programs for new teachers

HOUSE BILL 3:

Meeting the educational needs of today's students and tomorrow's workforce.

#THE TIME IS NOW

THE TEXAS HOUSE & SENATE PRESENT:
THE COMPENSATION COMPROMISE

INCREASING COMPENSATION FOR EDUCATORS

TYPE OF COMPENSATION	INVESTMENT PER BIENNIUM
Dedicated Funds for Raises	\$1.6 Billion
TRS Contributions from House Bill 3	\$510/educator
TRS Contributions from Senate Bill 12	\$412/educator

**INVESTING OVER \$2 BILLION THIS BIENNIUM TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR
TEACHERS, LIBRARIANS, COUNSELORS, AND NURSES,
PRIORITIZING VETERAN EDUCATORS**

DIRECTING FUNDS FOR EDUCATOR PAY INCREASES

- Over **\$1.6 billion** per biennium dedicated to providing raises for teachers, librarians, counselors, and nurses, with an emphasis on retaining our veteran educators

**WORKS WITH ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A SECURE
RETIREMENT**

- **\$510 per educator** in average retirement benefits through House Bill 3
- **\$412 per employee** in average new retirement benefits through Senate Bill 12

**INCENTIVIZES EDUCATORS & PROMOTES TEACHER
QUALITY**

- **\$140 million** for a merit/incentive pay program that allows educators to earn additional money based on performance, experience, and merit
- **\$30 million** annually for an extended year program that rewards teachers who work an additional 30 days in the summer
- **\$8 million** for mentoring new teachers
- **\$6 million** toward professional development for teachers in blended learning instruction

THE TEXAS HOUSE & SENATE PRESENT: THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX REFORM & TRANSPARENCY ACT

GIVES TAXPAYERS THE TOOLS TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR PROPERTY TAXES

- Improves communication between taxing units and taxpayers
- Adds real-time tax notices that allow taxpayers to timely engage in the rate-setting process
- Informs taxpayers who has proposed a rate increase, by how much, and when and where to protest
- Provides an online form for taxpayers to communicate their position on proposed rates and submit it to the appropriate taxing unit
- Increases financial disclosures from taxing units
- Expands opportunities to protest or appeal appraisal values
- Requires notices from appraisal districts to be issued electronically



INCREASES TRANSPARENCY FOR TAXPAYERS

EMPOWERS VOTERS TO AUTHORIZE HIGHER PROPERTY TAX RATES

- Eliminates burdensome requirements that force voters to gather signatures to petition for an election
- Automatically triggers a November election when taxes are raised above the voter approval rate
- Ensures taxing units that exceed the voter approval rate are equipped to meet the November election date deadline

EMPOWERS VOTERS

**THIS LEGISLATION PROVIDES PROPERTY TAX REFORM,
AND WORKS WITH THE TEXAS PLAN FOR SCHOOL FINANCE TO PROVIDE
UP TO \$5 BILLION IN PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.**

THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX REFORM & TRANSPARENCY ACT:



FOSTERS COLLABORATION

between taxpayers & government
in budgeting for their community



PROTECTS PROPERTY OWNERS

from seeing their property value
increase when protesting at the
appraisal review board level



SLOWS RATE GROWTH

by lowering the voter approval rate
from 8% to 3.5% for most taxing units



ENCOURAGES FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

by allowing units that stay under the voter
approval rate to use the unused amount to
raise the rate within 3 years



IMPROVES EFFECTIVENESS & EFFICIENCY

by creating a Property Tax Advisory Board to
make ongoing recommendations to improve
the property tax system

THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX REFORM & TRANSPARENCY ACT

SAMPLE WEBSITE INFORMATION FOR PROPERTY TAXES

Property address: 123 Sycamore Lane
Legal Description: Lot 18 Block C Frosty Acres Sec 2
Property Identification ID: 624387
Market Value: \$280,000

JURISDICTION	TAXABLE VALUE	"NO NEW REVENUE" TAX RATE (PER \$100 OF VALUE)	PROPOSED TAX RATE	TAX ON PROPERTY AT "NO NEW REVENUE" TAX RATE	TAX ON PROPERTY AT PROPOSED TAX RATE	PROPOSED TAX INCREASE	TIME AND DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING	LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING
COUNTY	\$277,000	\$0.38	\$0.40	\$1,052.60	\$1,108.00	\$55.40	8:00 p.m. August 15, 2019	211 Main St. Smith City
*SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$255,000	\$1.38	\$1.38	\$3,519.00	\$3,519.00	\$0.00	6:00 p.m. August 1, 2019	457 Red Rock Ln. Green City
CITY	\$280,000	\$0.47	\$0.52	\$1,316.00	\$1,456.00	\$140.00	2:00 p.m. August 18, 2019	477 Sunny Dr. Smith City
JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT	\$280,000	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	6:00 p.m. August 16, 2019	100 Travis St. Travis City
SPECIAL DISTRICT #1	\$280,000	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$224.00	\$224.00	\$0.00	4:00 p.m. August 18, 2019	300 Calvert Rd. Smith City
Total				\$6,251.60	\$6,447.00	\$195.40		

*The school district "no new revenue tax rate" is one which would generate the same amount of state aid and revenue under current school finance formulas as in the previous year.

NOTE: Clicking on the name of the jurisdiction will launch a web page with the following information:

- Names & contact information for members of the Governing Board
- Historical information for the jurisdiction on general revenues spending
- Historical information for the jurisdiction on property taxes collected and property tax rates for maintenance, operations, and debt service