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# Plano Independent School District

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# About Us



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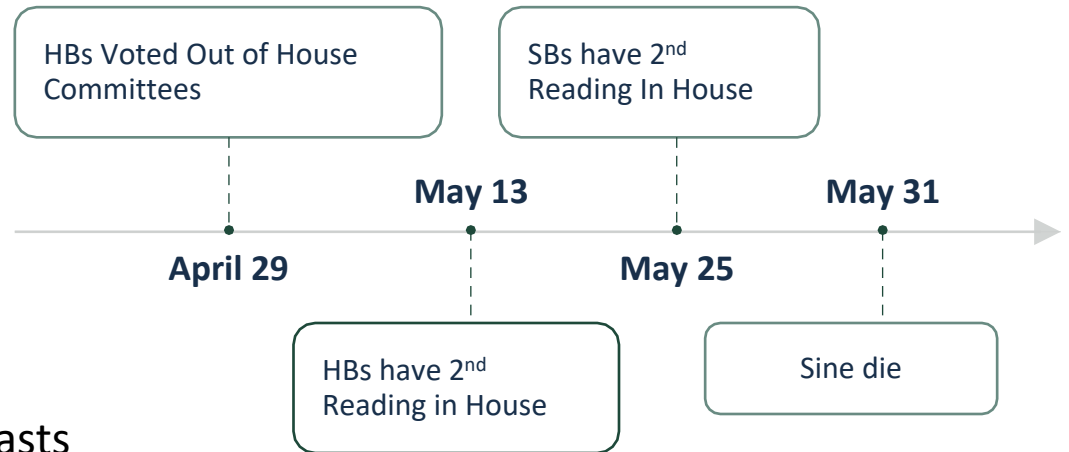
# Public Policy for Plano ISD

- Legislative Monitoring
  - Provide bill tracking and alerts; Weekly reports to Board and Leadership Team; Knowledge on process and strategy
- Communication
  - Draft position statements based on Legislative Priorities; Draft letters, testimony; Aid in preparation of materials; Facilitate and attend meetings

# 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

## Session Context

- Speaker of the House
- Improved Budget Forecasts
- COVID Precautions
- Delayed Census Data
- Winter Storm Crisis



## Key Bills

### PRIORITY #1 | SCHOOL FINANCE

*Plano ISD supports preserving public education funding while seeking cost-saving opportunities that have no direct or indirect negative impact on learning.*

SB 1 – General Appropriations Act; fully funds HB 3 including enrollment growth  
*Morrison Rider: Prohibits use of federal aid to supplant State edu. funding*

HB 1525 | SB 1536 – “HB 3 Clean-Up” Bills

SB 28 – Eliminate SBOE veto power over Charter School applications

HB 1246 – Base funding on enrollment versus attendance

HB 1391 – If TRE fails, district reverts to lesser of no-new-revenue tax rate or voter approval tax rate

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### PRIORITY #2 | ACCOUNTABILITY

*Plano ISD supports accountability measures applied to all public schools but believes current accountability methods and standards can be enhanced to better serve students by providing districts more discretion and local control.*

HB 999 – Individual Graduation Committee flexibility for graduates during pandemic

HB 1603 | SB 177 – Makes Individual Graduation Committees permanent

### PRIORITY #3 | SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS

*Plano ISD supports providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and campuses, regardless of whether in a traditional, in-person environment, a virtual environment or an alternative environment.*

SB 226 – Adding digital and virtual learning/instruction to educator training programs

HB 5 – Expansion of broadband

HB 1114 – Allows mental health services and education at health centers

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### LONG-TERM PRIORITIES

*In addition to the specific legislative priorities for the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, Plano ISD further supports other long-term priorities.*

HB 1502 – Reauthorizes Ch. 313 without any changes for 10 years

HB 1556 – Reauthorizes Ch. 313 with significant changes

SB 1255 – Reauthorizes Ch. 313 with exclusion of renewable energy projects

HB 3445 – Require use of fund balance

# Questions?

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