



HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 117TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

SCHOOL FINANCE

- Increase Title 1 funding and include Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements for state legislatures to keep pace with inflation and enrollment growth
- Boost federal share of IDEA funding from 15% to statutorily authorized 40%
- Provide the necessary funding for USDA to continue the Summer Feeding (SFSP) program for 2020-2021 school year allowing all meal types to be distributed to eligible students in non-congregate locations such as playgrounds, bus stops, residential locations, and community locations

STUDENT EQUITY

- Provide additional funding to address the digital divide and to ensure connectivity for all students who need remote instruction
- Additional funding for school safety efforts to protect students and faculty
- End diversion of federal K-12 funds from public schools to private or religious schools
- Ensure full and accurate Census count

COVID CONSIDERATIONS

- Provide school districts with resources and flexibility to address staff shortages, attendance variations, health and safety issues, mental health issues, and truancy issues
- Grant liability protections for all good faith efforts to protect the health, safety and well-being of students and faculty