



## HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 88<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION PRIORITIES

### SCHOOL SAFETY

- Provide effective supports and sufficient funding to maintain and improve the safety of students and staff

### SCHOOL FINANCE

- Fulfill the state's promise to the Houston Independent School District (HISD) in 2013, when the Texas Education Agency (TEA) was ordering closure and annexation of North Forest ISD to HISD, to provide HISD with incentive aid and facilities funding
- Increase the amount of the Early Education Allotment to allow school districts to provide both reading and math supports and prekindergarten supports
- Provide the necessary state resources, including adjusting the Basic Allotment for inflation, for school districts to recruit, retain, and compensate teachers and support staff
- Provide incentives for institutions of higher education to work with school districts to create and sustain grow-your-own educator programs
- Eliminate penalties on school districts that provide property tax relief, such as local homestead exemptions to homeowners
- Require that local property taxes recaptured by the state be used to supplement the Foundation School Program and not be used to offset or supplant other state revenue used for public education

### ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Provide school districts with flexibility and sufficient additional funding to effectively implement House Bill (HB) 4545
- Provide meaningful assessments that are beneficial for instruction and that accurately measure student progress