

BRAZOSPORT ISD LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

Brazosport Independent School District

- Advocates an adequate, equitable, and sustainable school finance system that provides for the education of the whole child
- Opposes any form of diverting public tax dollars to any system of private education, whether it be in the form of tax credit scholarships, education savings accounts, entitlements or vouchers whereby the recipient of public tax dollars are not held to the same rules, regulations and requirements as any other Texas public ISD. Any non-public education recipients of public/taxpayer funds should be under the same laws, mandates and requirements as Texas public schools. Charter schools should also be under the same laws and accountability standards as traditional public schools if they are to continue receiving funding.
- Opposes A-F accountability system
- Advocates for the establishment of a comprehensive accountability system that looks beyond high-stakes, multiple-choice exams to meaningful assessments that have value for students, parents, and teachers, as well as measures that each community deems important in promoting college and career readiness.
- Advocates for the continuation of Individual Graduation Committees with authority to allow students to graduate when the students have successfully completed all required curriculum requirements but have failed no more than two EOCs.
- Advocates for protecting and continuing of the current defined benefit pension for public school
 employees and increased state funding to offset rising health care costs associated with the state
 programs of TRSActiveCare and TRSCare.
- Supports the continuation, evaluation, and expansion of Districts of Innovation to empower districts to innovate in ways that make sense to meet their unique community needs

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of January, 2017

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