

**Plano ISD Council**

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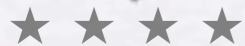
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**LEGISLATIVE/COUNCIL DELEGATE TRAINING**

2011 - 2012 School Year



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**"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." -  
Margaret J. Wheatley**

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# Your Duties

- \* You or your PTA President **must** attend monthly Council PTA meetings

10 am - Noon

Plano ISD Administration Building Board Room

2700 W 15th St

- 1 September 20, 2011
- 2 October 18, 2011
- 3 November 15, 2011
- 4 January 17, 2012
- 5 March 20, 2012
- 6 April 17, 2012
- 7 May 15, 2012 (9 am - Noon, Sockwell Center)

- \* Attend your school PTA Board meeting to give Council updates
- \* Give updates when necessary at your school regular PTA meetings
- \* Keep members informed through enews, newsletters, social media
- \* When community action is needed, motive advocacy
- \* Watch for email communications from Council Legislative Chair
- \* [www.texaspta.org](http://www.texaspta.org) - Under the Dome
- \* [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) - Public Policy - Take Action Now

# Wrap Up of 82nd Texas Legislative Session

- \* The largest shortfall in Texas history
- \* Since created through the Gilmer-Aikin Act of 1949, the Foundation School Program funds have been permanently reduced (primary source of school district funding from state)
- \* \$4B in cuts to FSP and \$1.3B in cuts to grants and other public education programs
- \* Existing funding formulas have changed
- \* New accountability measures
- \* Over 6000 bills affecting children and education
- \* Not all news was bad



# SCHOOL FINANCE

- \* School funding was cut by \$4 B over the next two years
- \* \$1.4B was cut from TEA for grants and other education programs
- \* In 2012 all ISDs will be equally cut by approximately 6% or \$2B
- \* In 2013 all ISDs will be equally cut again by approximately 1.5%, for a total of \$500 M
- \* 2013 will be made to target revenue/hold harmless ISDs for a total of \$1.5B for 7.65%
- \* 2 year total % reduction for most districts = 7.5%, for Plano, hold harmless district, = 15.15%
- \* Plano will need to cut \$10M more in cuts for 2013 after already cutting \$25M

# SCHOOL FINANCE

- \* An interim committee will meet before January 2013 to create a new school funding plan
- \* Funding for PreK programs was reduced
- \* Funding for the Arts was cut by 50%
- \* Many important changes in law were made that impact professional contract protections, rules for RIFs, declaration of financial exigency, furlough policies

# Senate Bill 6

## Instructional Materials Allotment

- \* Abolishes separate Textbook allotment and Technology allotment into Instructional Materials Allotment
- \* Creates a per-student instructional materials allotment (IMA) and allows for adjustments for high enrollment growth
- \* Funds received through the new IMA can be used to purchase:
  - Instructional materials from the SBOE list;
  - Instructional materials from the commissioner's list;
  - Instructional materials that are not on the SBOE list; Consumable materials;
  - Supplemental instructional materials;
  - State-developed open-source instructional materials; Technology equipment;
  - Training for educators directly involved in student learning in appropriate use of instructional materials and tech equipment
  - Salaries of employees providing technical support for technological equipment.

# Senate Bill 6

## Instructional Materials Allotment

- \* Any unspent funds in a district's allotment account may be carried over to the next biennium
- \* Districts may sell or dispose of instructional materials that are out-of-adoption or are still in adoption but are no longer needed
- \* Materials for the blind and visually handicapped remain the property of the state

# Adoption of Science Materials

- \* First time that an adoption has consisted solely of supplemental materials, rather than consisting of comprehensive textbooks
- \* First time an entire adoption has been in an electronic format
- \* New comprehensive K - 12th science materials were estimated to cost \$347M
- \* By purchasing electronic format supplemental materials for select grades, the cost was only \$60M
- \* The materials are available for grades 5-8, as well as biology, chemistry, physics and Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC)
- \* Over 92 new online products will be available to educators

# Libraries

- \* Funding for K-12 database programs for school libraries was completely eliminated
- \* TexShare database will receive \$2.5 M over the biennium (Received \$8M last biennium)
- \* Grants to local public libraries were eliminated  
Discounted telecommunication services provided to educational institutions, libraries, hospitals, and health centers are continued until 2020
- \* State Library is authorized to create an Adopt A Library Program

# Bullying - HB 1942

- \* Established a definition of bullying and includes cyber-bullying
- \* Requires boards of trustees to adopt policy/necessary procedures to address bullying/harassment.
- \* Students engaging in cyber-bullying will be disciplined if it takes place on school property, at school sponsored or school related event, or vehicle operated by ISD.
- \* Board of trustees of ISD may transfer victims or student who engaged in bullying to another classroom or campus, with special transfer requirements for students who receive special education services.
- \* Requires SBOE to adopt (within the health curriculum) essential knowledge and skills that include practices to effectively address bullying/harassment of students.

# Class Size

- \* 22-1 maintained in K-4
- \* Parental notification requirement maintained
- \* ISDs will now be allowed to use reduction in state funding for the next biennium as a qualifying reason for a waiver of class size limits

# Other Legislation

Bill	Author	Description
HB 359	Allen/Lucio	Allows a school district to adopt a policy allowing the use of corporal punishment unless a student's parent or guardian provides a written, signed statement each year prohibiting its use.
HB 675	Lucio III/Lucio	Prohibits school districts from using football helmets that are 16 years or older in the district's football program; requires districts to recondition helmets that are 10 years old or older at least once every two years.
HB 692	Farias/ Van de Putte	Mandates that the SBOE allow a student who is unable to participate in physical activity due to disability or illness to substitute one academic elective credit.
HB 2038	Price/Deuell	Relating to the prevention, treatment, and management of concussions affecting students participating in interscholastic athletics.
SB 290	Watson/Hernandez, Luna	Requires personal financial literacy instruction to be incorporated into math Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for grades K-8.

# Other Legislation

- \* K2 banned
- \* Sexting– Minors are not automatically charged under adult pornography laws for sexting. The law creates a graduated penalty structure for minors who engage in sexting
- \* Applied STEM classes are authorized
- \* Seat belts on buses will only be required if the state appropriates money for their purchase
- \* Nonprofits can partner with schools to receive agriculture grants
- \* School boards must adopt and administer a policy for the care of students with food allergies who are at risk of anaphylaxis.

# Technology Applications Curriculum

- Computer Science I (one-half to one credit)
- Computer Science II (one credit)
- Computer Science III (one credit)
- Digital Art and Animation (one credit)
- Digital Communications in the 21st Century (one credit)
- Digital Design and Media Production (one credit)
- Digital Forensics (one-half to one credit)
- Digital Video and Audio Design (one credit)
- Discrete Mathematics (one-half to one credit)
- Fundamentals of Computer Science (one-half to one credit)
- Game Programming and Design (one-half to one credit)
- Independent Study in Technology Applications (one-half to one credit)
- Independent Study in Evolving/Emerging Technologies (one-half to one credit)
- Mobile Application Development (one-half to one credit)
- Robotics Programming and Design (one-half to one credit)
- Web Communications (one-half credit)
- Web Design (one credit)
- Web Game Development (one credit)
- 3-D Modeling and Animation (one credit)



# Accountability

Changes to the system include:

- The elimination of the TPM, Texas Projected Measure, which was used for the 2009 and 2010 ratings.
- The inclusion of additional results for more than 119,000 students receiving special education services who were tested on the TAKS-Modified and TAKS-Alternate assessments.
- The inclusion of a measure for ESL based on TAKS that measures a student's English reading proficiency and progress.
- Increasing the TAKS indicator standards for the Academically Acceptable rating by five points each for mathematics and science.
- Adding a new commended performance indicator for the Recognized and Exemplary rating categories.
- Increasing the rigor of the annual dropout rate for grades 7-8 from 1.8 percent to 1.6 percent.

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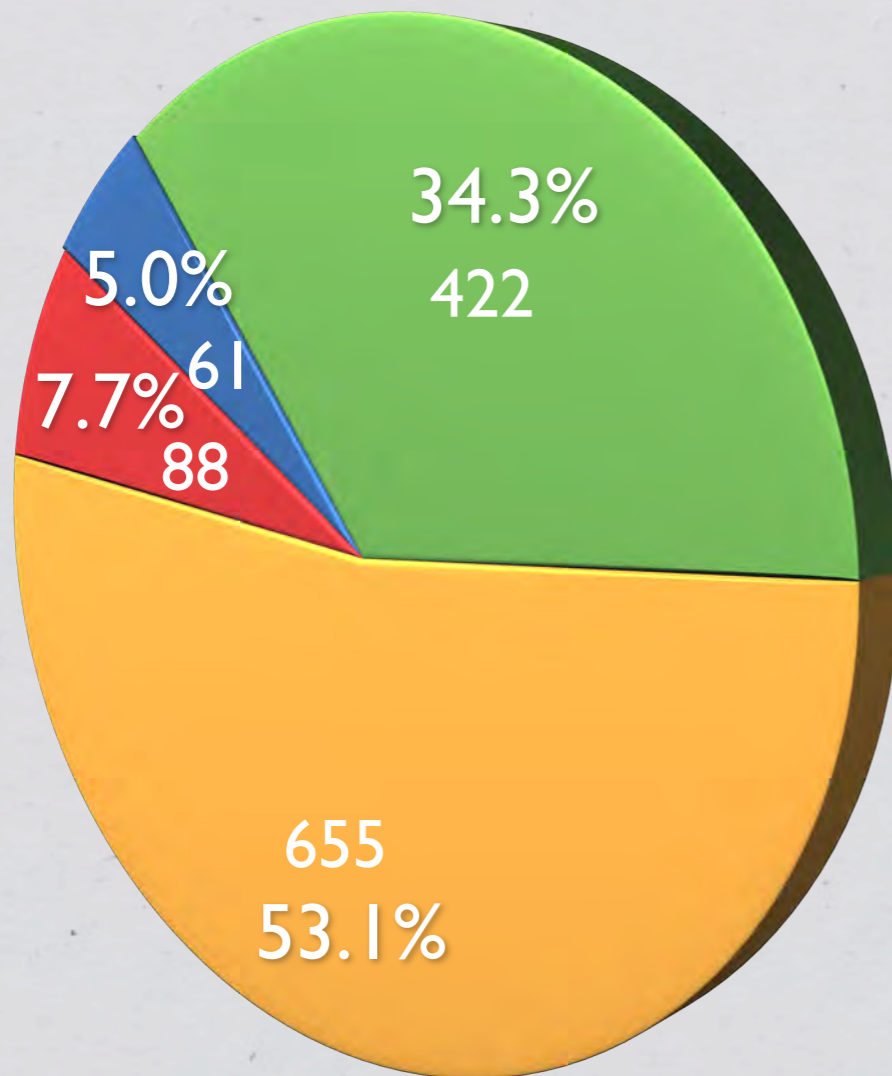
Because of this change to the system:

- ↪ Exemplary districts fell from 241 in 2010 to 61 in 2011
- ↪ Campuses earning the Exemplary dropped from 2,637 in 2010 to 1,224 today.
- ↶ Districts with the state's lowest rating, Academically Unacceptable, increased from 37 last year to 88 in 2011.
- ↶ Academically Unacceptable campuses increased from 104 to 569.

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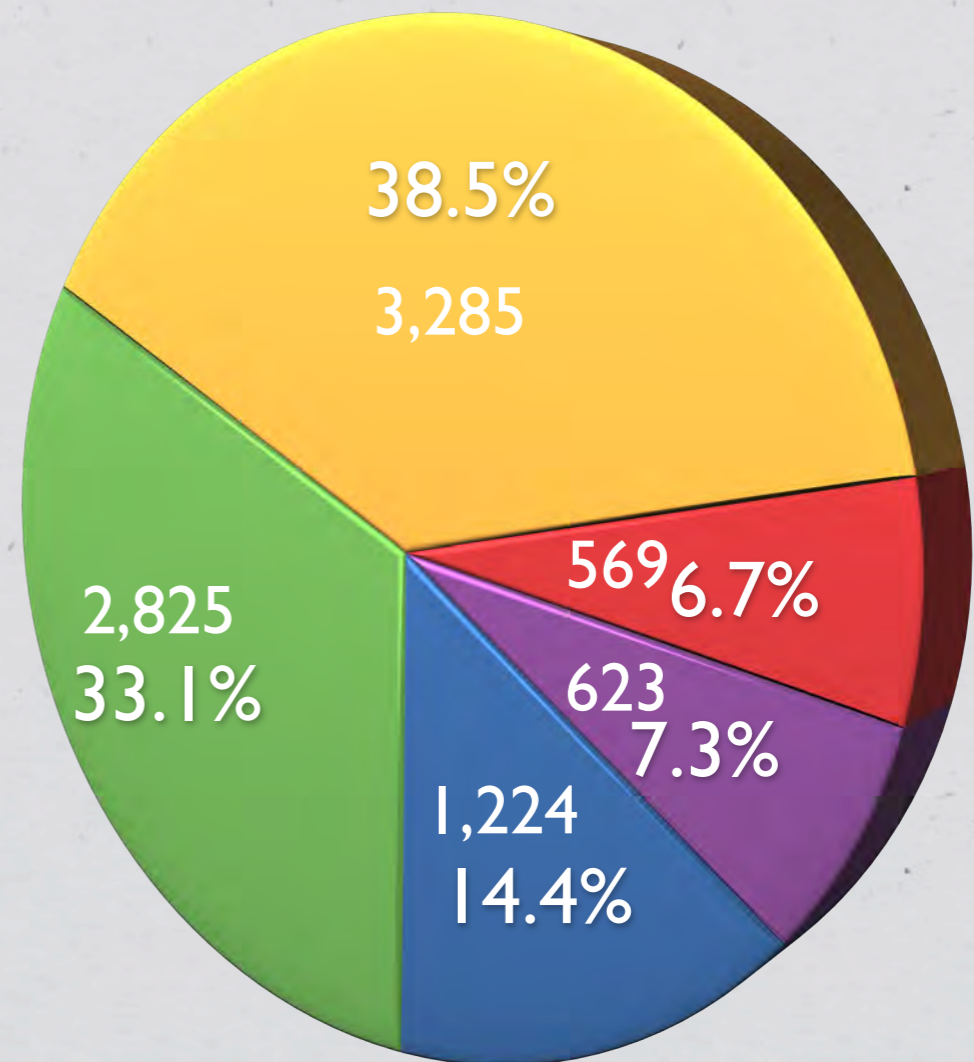
## 2011 District Ratings

- Exemplary
- Recognized
- Academically Acceptable
- Academically Unacceptable



## 2011 Campus Ratings

- Exemplary
- Recognized
- Academically Acceptable
- Academically Unacceptable
- Not Rated



# AYP

For 2011, 50% of Texas School Districts missed AYP, up from 22% in 2010. What is AYP and what happened this year, and what does it mean?

AYP is Adequate Yearly Progress, it is calculated on TAKS scores, graduation rate, and attendance.

Districts are only allowed a certain % of students taking TAKS-M and TAKS-A. Over that amount is an automatic failure. Inclusion of these additional results now count.

TPM (Texas Projected Measures) were not used this year.

Under the federal system, schools or districts that receive a missed AYP designation for two or more years and receive Title I funds, which are federal funds targeted to serve low income students, face sanctions.

# Federal

\* Domestic Cuts - Super Congress

\* No Child Left Behind

I. May grant a waiver on a crucial provision in the law, a requirement that all children be proficient in English and math by 2014

II. Might be willing to relax requirements that districts identify and address schools that do not make “adequate yearly progress”. In exchange for being freed from these requirements, states would have to propose their own accountability rules.

III. If NCLB is not reauthorized by fall, states could implement accountability systems that placed more weight on student “growth” – that is, individual performance on state tests from year to year – and possibly other factors, like high school graduation rates and participation in Advanced Placement courses, as ways to measure student achievement.

# What Now

Pay Attention - Apathy is no longer acceptable!

The School Board should be paying attention **NOW** to all the issues we discussed. Attend their meetings, participate and make sure they are working on these priorities.

Invite Legislators and Board Members to your school to discuss these issues or go talk to them.

Share information with your membership.

Submit suggestions for priorities to Texas PTA for the next Legislative session.



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**'You must be the change you want to see  
in the world.'**

**Mahatma Gandhi**

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