

### **Accountability**

- **Testing Standards** - We support streamlining the TEKS and assessing essential standards to allow teachers to focus on facilitating greater depth of student learning and understanding.
- **Testing Standards** - We support reducing the over-reliance on state mandated high stakes testing.

### **Finance**

- **Capacity/Adequacy** - We support increased funding without mandates on how the new funds can be used.

Specifically, we support:

- legislation that provides the ability to make long-term financial decisions.
- increased funding for technology-based instruction to ensure students have access to the resources that will prepare them for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning methods.
- a transition plan that helps target-revenue districts prepare for the impending funding cliff which will be a result of the elimination of Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction (ASATR) in 2017-2018.

### **Transparency**

- **Ballot Language** – We support ballot language that provides accurate information that is consistent with ballot language required of other local subdivisions and the state.

### **Student Services**

- **Mental Health Services** – We support legislation that adds funding and improves statewide mental health services, programs and treatments, especially as it relates to students, young adults and their families, and youth-related support agencies.