

Legislative Updates

February 27, 2025

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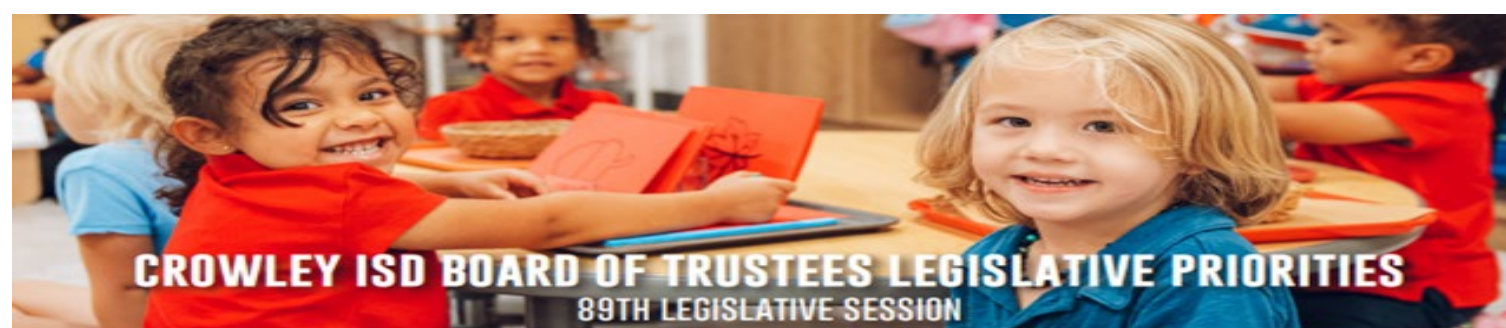
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CROWLEY ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

School Safety

We advocate for safety measures for the protection of students and staff - completely supported by state funding - that meet the unique needs of campuses and communities, including flexibility to address mental health needs and student behavior.



School Funding

We advocate for a public school finance system that is adequate, equitable and supports local control.

We Support

- Per-pupil funding at the national average
- Adjusting the basic funding allotment each biennium based on inflation
- Additional funding for students receiving special education services
- The same transparency, accountability standards and enrollment practices for all schools receiving state funding
- The continuation of the current defined benefit pension program for TRS members

We Oppose

- Measures that erode local discretion
- Diverting public tax dollars to privately run schools through vouchers, tax credits, taxpayer savings grants, tuition reimbursements or similar programs



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Dates of Interest

Regular Session began Tuesday, January 14, 2025 (1st day)
89th Legislature convened at noon.

Sunday, February 2, 2025, Governor Greg Abbott
announced school choice as an emergency item for the
89th Legislative Session.

Wednesday, February 5, 2025, Senate Bill 2 (school choice)
passed in the Texas Senate in a 19-12 vote.

Dates of Interest

- Tuesday, February 18, 2025 was CISD Advocacy Day at the State Capitol.
- February 26, 2025, the Texas House has enough votes to pass HB3 (school choice bill). Seventy-five Republican lawmakers support the bill.
- Sixty-two House Democrats continue to oppose HB3 and twelve Republican lawmakers withheld support.



HB 3

The following Republican lawmakers withheld support.

- Barry, Jeff (Pearland)
- Darby, Drew (San Angelo)
- Dean, Jay (Longview)
- Geren, Charlie (Fort Worth)
- Guillen, Ryan (Rio Grande City)
- Harless, Sam (Spring)
- Harrison, Brian (Midlothian)
- King, Ken (Canadian)
- Lambert, Stan (Abilene)
- Phelan, Dade (Beaumont)
- VanDeaver, Gary (New Boston)

Dates of Interest

- As of February 27, 2025, 476 bills have been filed in the Texas House and 199 bills have been filed in the Texas Senate.
- As of February 27, 2025, six bills have been filed as a House Joint Resolution (HJR) and one bill has been filed as a Senate Joint Resolution (SJR).
- Friday, March 14, 2025 (60th day) 60-day deadline for bill filing.
- Monday, June 2, 2025 (140th day) Sine die.
(Last day of 89th Regular Session)

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